

Fwd: San Onofre

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Eric.

please add this to the record for the San Onofre item coming up on Wednesday, thanks Martin

On Mon, Mar 4, 2013 at 10:33 AM, <nbyers@ucla.edu> wrote: Martin.

Thank you for our conversation and the message below.

to: Energy and Environment Committee

COMMENT OF PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS NINA BYERS about restarting San Onofre

re: Koretz-Rosendahl (amended by Huizar-Labonge) resolution

Professionally I am not an expert in nuclear power generation. But I am a physics professor who taught a UCLA seminar on Nuclear Power: power plants and nuclear weapons during the academic years 2011 and 2012. In this I studied in some detail the Fukushima Dai-ichi disaster. The San Onofre power plant was constructed from the same design and shares similar vulnerabilities. For these reasons, I feel it my civic duty to contribute these comments to the LA City Council.

I think it in the best interests of the people of Los Angeles for the City Council to pass the Koretz resolution. Indeed I believe it would be in the best interest of the nation for the LA City Council to call for relicensing by the NRDC.

The specific issue is whether the change in steam generator design is sufficient to require a review of the license. Had the new generators been exactly like the old ones no hearing would be required. In the opinion of experts whose opinions I respect the changes were substantial enough to dictate public hearings.