

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permitting Division
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Project Title: Class 1* Permit Modification for Southern California Edison; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Project Location: 5000 Old Pacific Highway, San Clemente, California 92672

County: San Diego

Project Applicant: Southern California Edison; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Permit Modification

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approves of the Class 1* Permit Modification (Permit Modification) regarding an extension to the closure schedule for a partial closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) facility located at 5000 Old Pacific Coast Highway, San Clemente, CA 92672. The date for final closure of the Low Specific Activity Waste (LSAW) and High Specific Activity Waste (HSAW) storage units has been extended to December 2024. The remaining South Yard Facility Sections A and B units will complete closure following permit expiration in summer 2026 as previously approved.

Background: SONGS is a nuclear power generating facility undergoing decommissioning located on the coast of Southern California in San Diego County. SONGS began operation in 1968 and is operated and primarily owned by Southern California Edison. The facility operated three pressurized water nuclear reactors (Unit 1, 2, and 3) and several smaller standby diesel generating units which all ceased operation by 2013. The decommissioning and decontamination of the facility will result in the generation of hazardous waste, some of which will be contaminated with radio nuclides, referred to as mixed waste or combined waste. The mixed waste and combined waste include, but are not limited to, used oil, chemical solvents, lead solids, and asbestos which are to be stored in sealed containers and shipped offsite within one year from the date they are placed in a permitted storage unit.

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SONGS was first authorized by DTSC in 1989 to operate a hazardous waste storage facility under a grant of interim status. The first Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) issued to SONGS became effective on January 31, 2005, and was permitted for ten years. A Permit Renewal became effective on May 23, 2016, that allowed the facility to continue to store hazardous waste while it undergoes decommissioning. SONGS notified DTSC that closure of the LSAW and HSAW storage areas would begin in July of 2023. SONGS requested an extension to the 180-day timeframe allowed to complete closure in December of 2023.

Project Activities: The year of final closure of the LSAW and HSAW storage units has been extended to December 2024. The remaining South Yard Facility Sections A and B units will complete closure following permit expiration in summer 2026 as previously approved. There are no proposed changes to the closure activities other than to extend the closure schedule for decommissioning the hazardous waste storage units at SONGS. The Permit Modification does not include any other changes to closure requirements, operational changes, or new ground disturbing activities at the facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: [CCR Title 14 Sec. 15308]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: DTSC has determined none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21084(c), (d), and (e), and 14 CCR Section 15300.2. The Closure and Closure Plan revisions are consistent with the actions taken by the regulatory agency, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Date:



February 23, 2024

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