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Subject:	Response Email to Mr. Phil Rutherford in NUCOMM - Sept 23 - Please send to him along with the attachment tx
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Mr. Rutherford,

Thank you for attending the August 28 SONGS Community Engagement Panel meeting, and for your September 23 letter regarding disposal of SONGS decommissioned material and non-radioactive waste to La Paz, Arizona. We appreciate your point of view and thoughtful comments.

Certainly, Executive Order D-62-02 was a factor that informed the SONGS Participants' (SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric, the City of Anaheim, and the City of Riverside) selection of potential waste management and disposal options, but there were others. When considering how to dispose of decommissioned materials, the Participants also analyzed NRC requirements, other state and federal waste disposal laws and regulations, landfill capacity, efficiencies related to waste assessment and segregation, distance to landfills, shipping efficiencies, risk management, and tipping fees.

This was a topic that was carefully considered when the Participants developed the decommissioning project – see attached letter dated August 29, 2018, pages 9–10, including footnote 14.

The Participants found that disposing of the waste in California, assuming sufficient space was available in a licensed landfill, would likely decrease efficiencies and would add to disposal costs, such as segregating the waste, performing radiological surveys, and installing radiological survey equipment for the trucks/rail cars. In addition, the tipping fees in California are typically much higher than in Arizona.

Thank you for your interest in SONGS decommissioning and waste disposal.

Sincerely,

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