SONGS DECOMMISSIONING FACT SHEET

WHAT WE KNOW

- Southern California Edison ceased operation of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3 on June 7, 2013.
- For San Diego County Fiscal Year 13-14, no budget impact is expected. Longer term impacts will be reviewed through the decommissioning process. At this point, the funding related to SONGS is listed in the California Government Code as the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account with a specific amount allocated to SONGS offsite jurisdictions.
- SONGS Decommissioning process will be multi-year and extend into the foreseeable future.
- Unit 1 was decommissioned in the early 1990s. This was a multi-year process. The "SAFSTOR" (Safe Storage) was the decommissioning option chosen for this. Per the NRC, SAFSTOR involves securing the radioactive area of the plant with a security force and uses time as a decontamination agent by allowing the decay process to stabilize the elements. Once radioactivity has decayed to lower levels, the unit can be taken apart. This can take between 30-60 years.
- San Onofre already has a license for the independent spent fuel storage installation. Spent fuel is currently stored on site in dry cask storage with no relocation possible at this time.
- When SONGS transitions from commercial nuclear power facility licensee into another licensed status, such as an independent spent fuel storage installation, then FEMA requirements for offsite emergency planning may no longer apply. SONGS may request exemptions from Emergency Planning requirements based on the plants status. The NRC would need to approve these exemptions.
- The California Nuclear Power Preparedness Program funding comes from the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account which allocated funding for local expenses related to nuclear planning and preparedness. This funding is based upon active nuclear plants which are generating power.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

- The exact timeline or the details of the process for decommissioning.
- The extent of the long term radiological hazard.

WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Coordinating information between County Agencies and Operational Area Jurisdictions.
- Advising SONGS Exercise Participants to continue with the exercise planning and training.
- Coordinating standard messaging with the Interjurisdictional Planning Committee (IPC) to ensure collaboration and communication. Harvesting information from multiple points of contact to determine local impacts from the decommissioning process.
- Met with Washington DC staff from the NRC on July 31st to discuss the decommissioning process and impacts to the IPC.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Work with the California Legislature to define the Nuclear Preparedness Program funding and include long term spent fuel storage emergency planning.
- Continue widespread power outage emergency planning.

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