Welcome to the Community Engagement Panel meeting for the Second Quarter of 2020. We want to thank you for your interest in the decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), which includes the continued movement of spent nuclear fuel from wet to dry storage.

The Community Engagement Panel, or CEP, serves as a venue for our local communities affected by the closure of SONGS to communicate, two-ways, with the plant decommissioning agent Southern California Edison.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is being delivered via Skype teleconference, which helps us adhere to CDC guidelines to maintain safe distancing. While not ideal, we hope you will appreciate our resolve to bring you this information in a timely fashion.

All of the information from the meeting will be posted on the SONGS Community website.

We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time and practicing the protocols that will help us get through this period.

David Victor  
Chair,  
Community Engagement Panel

Fuel Transfer Operations on Track

Last week, crews safely downloaded canister #63 in the Holtec UMAX dry fuel storage system. There are 10 more canisters to transfer before the operation is complete. That’s expected to happen during the summer. Visit the SONGS Community website to read updates on fuel transfer operations.

For More Information about SONGS: Liese Mosher, Decommissioning Communications, 949.368.9750, liese.mosher@sce.com
SCE Releases Video of Canister Repair Demonstration at SONGS

The stainless-steel canisters used to store spent nuclear fuel at SONGS are very robust, with a service life of 100 years or more. Aging management programs, which include inspections and maintenance, assure the canisters meet their license requirements. In December 2019, Southern California Edison conducted a field demonstration for repair of a canister, in place at SONGS, using a metallic overlay process. Our partners included VRC Metal Systems and Robotic Technologies of Tennessee. The successful test showed SCE could conduct a similar repair on any spent nuclear fuel canister stored at SONGS. Watch the video here.

Meet the CEP

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Marni Magda, Sierra Club
Jim Leach, Orange County Economic Coalition

Deconstruction Work Continues at SONGS

Progress is being made with the deconstruction and dismantlement at SONGS. The Unit 1 Reactor Pressure Vessel has left the site, bound for a disposal facility in Clive, Utah, operated by Energy Solutions.

The asbestos removal project in the containment domes has been successfully completed. About 350-thousand pounds of asbestos containing material was removed from the buildings during this project. Oversight was a key part of making sure this project was executed safely.

Office trailers have been delivered to Parking Lot 4, located just north of SONGS. Office buildings on site will be some of the first structures to be removed when major dismantlement work begins. Find our quarterly updates here.

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In December, SCE and its industry partners successfully demonstrated a repair on a test canister at SONGS.

The Unit 1 RPV on a Goldhofer vehicle as it moves off-site to be loaded onto a train car.