

**STATEMENT FROM ARNIE GUNDERSEN, FAIREWINDS CONSULTING  
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I am a trained Nuclear Engineer with both a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Nuclear Engineering cum laude from Rensselaer, a former Reactor Operator and a former nuclear industry Senior Vice President. I have worked in the nuclear industry over a 40 year period. I am proud of the independent analysis provided by Fairewinds to diverse groups including the State of Vermont, GreenPeace and CNN. Our expert reports have been repeatedly accepted in Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearings throughout the country.

Under contract with Friends of the Earth, Fairewinds has determined that the steam generators at San Onofre experienced excessive tube wear because SoCal Edison's senior management made improper decisions to significantly modify the original steam generators. Rather than replace them with nearly identical new steam generators, SoCal Edison chose to make extensive, unwarranted changes that caused the replacements to have excessive tube wear. Fairewinds recommended (and the NRC later agreed) that San Onofre be shut down until the real root cause of both Unit 2 and Unit 3's tube failures is completely understood. From both a reliability and a safety perspective, Fairewinds believes that California would be jeopardized if Unit 2 were to start up prematurely without a complete understanding of the real root cause of the problems at both San Onofre Units.

Fairewinds continues to believe that its recommendation to delay the startup of either Unit 2 or Unit 3 is appropriate.

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