



The Decommissioning Plant Coalition Commends Southern California Edison's Strategic Plan for Re-Invigorating U.S. Spent Fuel Management Efforts

"The release of Southern California Edison's (SCE) plan marks another milestone in the Decommissioning Plant Coalition's (DPC)* long road to achieve its primary goal of seeing the federal government fulfill its obligation to remove spent fuel from the nation's Nuclear Plants and specifically the permanently shut-down reactor sites," Wayne Norton, DPC executive chairman said today.

"San Onofre, a DPC member, has devoted much time and many resources to develop this plan. Real progress in removing San Onofre's spent fuel inventory and that from our other members' sites must be include support from citizens and local officials. The renewed use of the land on which this fuel is currently being safely and securely stored cannot be accomplished until the fuel is removed to a facility designed specifically to store and/or dispose of it," Norton continued.

The DPC was formed almost 20 years ago to provide a central voice for shutdown plants and a central goal has always been to hasten the day when the government meets its contractual obligation to remove the fuel from these sites. Over the years many governmental and non-governmental organizations have recognized the value in that goal and joined with the DPC to urge the federal government to renew its efforts to effectively meet its obligations. Attempts at authorizing and funding such an effort has increasingly gained traction in Congress over the past several years, and the voice of citizens and community leaders has been an important component of that effort.

"The DPC commends the efforts of SCE to reach out with this plan to aid in the continuing efforts to address this important matter of federal responsibility," said Norton.

* The DPC was established in 2001 to provides a forum for the identification of federal policy and regulatory issues of unique or special concern to decommissioning civilian nuclear facilities. Coalition members are the owners of nuclear facilities at sites where all plants have permanently ceased operation.