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San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Independent Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage Installation

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This report provides radiation data at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The information was gathered according to an agreement between SONGS and the California Department of Public Health Radiologic Health Branch (RHB).

Dry Storage at SONGS

The first used fuel assemblies were transferred from wet (pool) storage to the dry cask storage units in the TN-NUHOMS system in October 2003. In total, 1,187 fuel assemblies are stored in the NUHOMS system in 50 canisters. The Holtec Hi-STORM UMAX dry storage system was constructed between April 2016 and the end of 2017, with the first assemblies transferred in January 2018. Loading of the UMAX system is ongoing with an expected completion date of mid-2020. The Holtec system will house 73 canisters of spent nuclear fuel.

Radiation Monitoring

Radiation level measurements around the ISFSI were initiated before fuel was placed in the NUHOMS system to determine background levels. Radiation measurements using sensitive Thermoluminescent Dosimeters (TLDs) have been made at locations around the ISFSI since then and reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in SONGS Annual Radiological Environmental Operating Reports. These reports (through 2015) are available at [U.S. NRC Radioactive Effluent and Environmental Reports](#), or in the NRC public Document System (ADAMS). Reports beginning in 2016 are available at [SONGS Environmental Monitoring](#).

Additional TLDs were placed around the Holtec ISFSI in 2016 as it was constructed and before operation and have been in place since the first fuel canister was placed in 2018. Gamma-sensitive radiation monitors were added in 2019 at three locations in the ISFSI area and one additional monitor in a control location. The data are summarized in tables with daily averages, maxima, and minima. Those data tables are attached, one for each of the four locations.

More information on radiation monitoring is available at [SONGS Dry Fuel Storage Radiation Monitoring](#).

Locations

There are three radiation monitors in the ISFSI at locations depicted on the image below:



A fourth radiation monitor, at a control location, is located at the edge of the parking lot north of the ISFSI such that it measures background radiation in an unaffected reference area similar to the ISFSI.



It is important to note that while fuel transfer operations at SONGS are in progress, elevated radiation level readings will be seen as canisters of spent fuel pass by the continuous radiation monitors. The radiation monitor at Location #3, for instance, is adjacent to the path of the vertical cask transporter as it enters the storage pad for canister downloading. Higher readings will be seen on days in which fuel movement is occurring. Other ISFSI monitors may show these elevated readings as well until the canister is safely placed into its storage module. These temporarily elevated readings are normal and expected.

Fuel Transfer to the ISFSI

Fuel transfer / download during February 2020 occurred on the following dates:

- 2/6/2020 – 2/7/2020
- 2/13/2020 – 2/14/2020
- 2/21/2020 – 2/22/2020
- 2/28/2020

Waste Shipments Offsite

There were no waste shipments offsite that impacted radiation measurements by the ISFSI Radiation Monitoring system during February 2020.

Other

There were no other relevant activities (i.e. temporary power outage, radiation monitor maintenance, etc.) during February 2020.

Table 1: Daily Results for February 2020 (in millirem per hour) for Location #1

Day	Average Dose Rate	Maximum Dose Rate	Minimum Dose Rate
1-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.017
2-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.017
3-Feb	0.022	0.031	0.017
4-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.016
5-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.016
6-Feb	0.032	0.200	0.017
7-Feb	0.030	0.072	0.018
8-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.016
9-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.017
10-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.017
11-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.017
12-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.016
13-Feb	0.035	0.254	0.016
14-Feb	0.025	0.072	0.017
15-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.016
16-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.018
17-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.017
18-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.017
19-Feb	0.022	0.031	0.017
20-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.016
21-Feb	0.035	0.246	0.017
22-Feb	0.023	0.060	0.017
23-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.017
24-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.017
25-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.017
26-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.016
27-Feb	0.022	0.032	0.018
28-Feb	0.048	0.337	0.018
29-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.016

Table 2: Daily Results for February 2020 (in millirem per hour) for Location #2

Day	Average Dose Rate	Maximum Dose Rate	Minimum Dose Rate
1-Feb	0.011	0.014	0.007
2-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.008
3-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.007
4-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.007
5-Feb	0.011	0.014	0.007
6-Feb	0.013	0.161	0.008
7-Feb	0.013	0.020	0.009
8-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.008
9-Feb	0.012	0.017	0.008
10-Feb	0.012	0.016	0.008
11-Feb	0.011	0.017	0.008
12-Feb	0.011	0.016	0.008
13-Feb	0.014	0.171	0.008
14-Feb	0.012	0.021	0.008
15-Feb	0.012	0.016	0.008
16-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.008
17-Feb	0.011	0.016	0.008
18-Feb	0.012	0.017	0.008
19-Feb	0.012	0.016	0.009
20-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.009
21-Feb	0.014	0.173	0.008
22-Feb	0.011	0.020	0.007
23-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.008
24-Feb	0.011	0.017	0.008
25-Feb	0.011	0.015	0.008
26-Feb	0.011	0.016	0.008
27-Feb	0.011	0.017	0.008
28-Feb	0.016	0.130	0.009
29-Feb	0.011	0.016	0.008

Table 3: Daily Results for February 2020 (in millirem per hour) for Location #3

Day	Average Dose Rate	Maximum Dose Rate	Minimum Dose Rate
1-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.011
2-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.010
3-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.010
4-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.011
5-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.011
6-Feb	0.026	0.603	0.010
7-Feb	0.017	0.034	0.011
8-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.011
9-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.011
10-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.009
11-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.011
12-Feb	0.014	0.021	0.010
13-Feb	0.028	0.708	0.010
14-Feb	0.015	0.037	0.011
15-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.010
16-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
17-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
18-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.011
19-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.011
20-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
21-Feb	0.030	0.497	0.009
22-Feb	0.014	0.038	0.010
23-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
24-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.010
25-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.011
26-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.011
27-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
28-Feb	0.040	0.292	0.003
29-Feb	0.014	0.022	0.010

Table 4: Daily Results for February 2020 (in millirem per hour) for Location #4 (Control)

Day	Average Dose Rate	Maximum Dose Rate	Minimum Dose Rate
1-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
2-Feb	0.009	0.012	0.006
3-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
4-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
5-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
6-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
7-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
8-Feb	0.009	0.012	0.006
9-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
10-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
11-Feb	0.009	0.012	0.006
12-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.005
13-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
14-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
15-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.006
16-Feb	0.009	0.011	0.005
17-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.005
18-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
19-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
20-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.005
21-Feb	0.009	0.013	0.005
22-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
23-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
24-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
25-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.005
26-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
27-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.006
28-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
29-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005