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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 transferring of fuel assemblies taking place from January 2018 to August 2020. The Holtec system houses 73 canisters of spent nuclear fuel.

The first greater-than-class-c (GTCC) waste canister was transferred to the TN-NUHOMS dry cask storage system in September 2004. As part of decommissioning and dismantlement of the Units 2 and 3 Fuel Handling Buildings and Containment Buildings, additional GTCC waste will be transferred to the TN-NUHOMS system. Loading of GTCC waste is ongoing. When transfer of GTCC waste is completed from Units 2 and 3, the TN-NUHOMS system will house 13 canisters of GTCC waste (One canister from Unit 1 and 12 from Units 2 and 3).

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 GTCC waste transfer operations at SONGS are in progress, elevated radiation level readings will be seen as canisters of GTCC waste pass by the continuous radiation monitors. The radiation monitor at Location #2, for instance, is adjacent to the path of the transfer trailer as it enters the storage pad for canister insertion. Higher readings will be seen on days in which GTCC waste 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.

GTCC Waste Transfer to the ISFSI

There were no GTCC waste transfers to the ISFSI during February 2024.

Low-Level Waste Shipments Offsite as Part of SONGS Dismantlement

SONGS is in the process of dismantlement with rail shipments of low-level radioactive waste periodically leaving the site for disposal.

There were no offsite waste shipments that impacted the radiation measurements by the ISFSI Radiation Monitoring System during February 2024.

Other

There were no other relevant activities (i.e. temporary power outage, radiation monitor maintenance, etc.) during February 2024.

Table 1: Daily Results for February 2024 (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	0.029	0.015
3-Feb	0.021	0.029	0.016
4-Feb	0.021	0.029	0.016
5-Feb	0.021	0.028	0.017
6-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.016
7-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.016
8-Feb	0.021	0.029	0.015
9-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.016
10-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.017
11-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.017
12-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.017
13-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.015
14-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.017
15-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.016
16-Feb	0.021	0.029	0.015
17-Feb	0.021	0.030	0.016
18-Feb	0.021	0.028	0.016
19-Feb	0.021	0.027	0.016
20-Feb	0.021	0.031	0.016
21-Feb	0.021	0.028	0.016
22-Feb	0.021	0.029	0.016
23-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.016
24-Feb	0.021	0.031	0.016
25-Feb	0.022	0.028	0.017
26-Feb	0.022	0.029	0.017
27-Feb	0.022	0.030	0.016
28-Feb	0.021	0.029	0.016
29-Feb	0.021	0.027	0.016

Table 2: Daily Results for February 2024 (in millirem per hour) for Location #2

Day	Average Dose Rate	Maximum Dose Rate	Minimum Dose Rate
1-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.008
2-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
3-Feb	0.010	0.016	0.007
4-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
5-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
6-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
7-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.006
8-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
9-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
10-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
11-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
12-Feb	0.010	0.016	0.008
13-Feb	0.010	0.015	0.007
14-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
15-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
16-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
17-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.006
18-Feb	0.010	0.015	0.006
19-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
20-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
21-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.006
22-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
23-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.008
24-Feb	0.010	0.013	0.007
25-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
26-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
27-Feb	0.010	0.014	0.007
28-Feb	0.010	0.015	0.008
29-Feb	0.010	0.013	0.007

Table 3: Daily Results for February 2024 (in millirem per hour) for Location #3

Day	Average Dose Rate	Maximum Dose Rate	Minimum Dose Rate
1-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
2-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
3-Feb	0.013	0.019	0.010
4-Feb	0.013	0.018	0.010
5-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
6-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.010
7-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
8-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.011
9-Feb	0.013	0.018	0.010
10-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
11-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.010
12-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
13-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.009
14-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.009
15-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
16-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
17-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
18-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
19-Feb	0.013	0.018	0.010
20-Feb	0.013	0.019	0.010
21-Feb	0.013	0.018	0.010
22-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.010
23-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.011
24-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.009
25-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
26-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.010
27-Feb	0.014	0.018	0.010
28-Feb	0.014	0.019	0.009
29-Feb	0.014	0.020	0.010

Table 4: Daily Results for February 2024 (in millirem per hour) for Location #4 (Control)

Day	Average Dose Rate	Maximum Dose Rate	Minimum Dose Rate
1-Feb	0.009	0.012	0.005
2-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.005
3-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
4-Feb	0.008	0.014	0.005
5-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
6-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
7-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
8-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
9-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
10-Feb	0.009	0.014	0.006
11-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
12-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
13-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
14-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
15-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
16-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
17-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
18-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.005
19-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.006
20-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.005
21-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.005
22-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.006
23-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.005
24-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.005
25-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.005
26-Feb	0.008	0.013	0.005
27-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006
28-Feb	0.008	0.011	0.005
29-Feb	0.008	0.012	0.006