COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE 69,
ELECTRICAL GENERATING BOILERS,
REPLACEMENT UNITS AND NEW UNITS

On January 18, 1994, the San Diego County Air Pollution Control Board adopted Rule 69. Rule 69 is a new rule designed to limit emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) from electrical generating steam boilers, replacement units and new units.

The rule sets new NOx emission limits for all electrical generating steam boilers with heat input ratings equal to or greater than 100 million British thermal units (Btus) per hour. The rule also sets annual NOx emission caps for all utility electrical generating boilers, replacement units and new units operated by a company, including boilers and such units operated by entities in which the company has a controlling interest.

Additionally, the rule limits fuel oil burning to days when ozone levels are not expected to exceed the state ambient air quality standard for ozone. The only exception is during periods of force majeure natural gas curtailments.

These requirements go into effect in accordance with the compliance schedule specified in the rule. Final compliance is required on or before January 1, 2001.

A copy of Rule 69 is enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Lake, Chief of Engineering, at (619) 694-3313.