

May 21, 2001

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Room 370, County Government Center  
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SUBJECT: DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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As stated by NRC staff at the March 20 meeting, the public will have several future opportunities to participate in the process for licensing a spent fuel dry cask storage facility at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. In addition, while it is not our normal practice to conduct periodic public meetings during licensing activities due to resource limitations, the NRC is willing to participate in meetings conducted by local officials such as the Board of Supervisors. Therefore, in the future, if the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors plans to conduct a public meeting in which it believes NRC participation would benefit the public, please notify me. The NRC Spent Fuel Project Office will make every effort, within resource constraints, to participate in your meeting.

If you should have any future questions, either as an interested citizen or in your capacity as a local government official, about the NRC's regulation of dry cask storage activities at Diablo Canyon please contact Tim Kobetz at 301-415-8538.

Sincerely,  
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Docket Nos. 50-275 and 323; 72-26

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