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Dear Commissioners,

Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles – representing 1,000 health professionals in Southern California – wish to express our support of the San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace organization's comments regarding the storage of high-level waste at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

Our organization, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for our work in countering radiation's threat to human health, strongly believes that dry-cask storage raises many troubling public health questions.

Therefore we urge the Commission to not permit the use and storage of casks until local officials and members of the public are made fully aware of, and have had the opportunity to comment on, the full range of policy impacts – involving emergency management, transportation, and public health.

Sincerely,

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