

June 20, 1996

Mr. Gregory M. Rueger  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
NPG - Mail Code A10D  
P. O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF REQUEST FOR A ONE-TIME EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 50.71(E)(4), MAINTNENANCE OF RECORDS, MAKING OF REPORTS - DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M95392 AND M95393)

Dear Mr. Rueger:

Enclosed is a copy of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact related to your application dated May 7, 1996, which requested a one-time exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) relating to the filing of subsequent revisions to the FSAR. The proposed exemption will enable you to file Revision 11 of the FSAR update 9 months, rather than 6 months after the completion of the Unit 2 seventh refueling outage. The NRC understands that the FSAR update will meet the requirement to be current to within 6 months of the time of the filing.

The assessment is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Steven D. Bloom, Project Manager  
Project Directorate IV-2  
Division of Reactor Projects III/IV  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-275  
and 50-323

Enclosure: Environmental Assessment

cc w/encl: See next page

DISTRIBUTION:

Docket File  
PUBLIC  
JRoe  
EGAI  
WBateman  
SBloom  
EPeyton  
OGC  
ACRS  
JDyer, Region IV  
KPerkins, Region IV/WCFO

**NRC FILE CENTER COPY**

DOCUMENT NAME: DC95392.EA

OFC	PDIV-2/LA	PDIV 2/PM	OGC
NAME	EPeyton	SBloom:ye	CPW
DATE	5/29/96	5/30/96	6/3/96

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

9606250007 960620  
PDR ADOCK 05000275  
P PDR

DFol  
1/1

cc w/encl:

NRC Resident Inspector  
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant  
c/o U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
P. O. Box 369  
Avila Beach, California 93424

Dr. Richard Ferguson, Energy Chair  
Sierra Club California  
1100 11th Street, Suite 311  
Sacramento, California 95814

Ms. Nancy Culver  
San Luis Obispo  
Mothers for Peace  
P. O. Box 164  
Pismo Beach, California 93448

Ms. Jacquelyn C. Wheeler  
P. O. Box 164  
Pismo Beach, California 93448

Managing Editor  
The County Telegram Tribune  
1321 Johnson Avenue  
P. O. Box 112  
San Luis Obispo, California 93406

Chairman  
San Luis Obispo County Board of  
Supervisors  
Room 370  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

Mr. Truman Burns  
Mr. Robert Kinosian  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness, Room 4102  
San Francisco, California 94102

Mr. Steve Hsu  
Radiologic Health Branch  
State Department of Health Services  
Post Office Box 942732  
Sacramento, California 94232

Regional Administrator, Region IV  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Harris Tower & Pavillion  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400  
Arlington, Texas 76011-8064

Christopher J. Warner, Esq.  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Post Office Box 7442  
San Francisco, California 94120

Mr. Warren H. Fujimoto  
Vice President and Plant Manager  
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant  
P. O. Box 56  
Avila Beach, California 93424

Diablo Canyon Independent Safety  
Committee  
ATTN: Robert R. Wellington, Esq.  
Legal Counsel  
857 Cass Street, Suite D  
Monterey, California 93940

Jacqueline Wyland (5)  
Environmental Review Coordinator  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONPACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANYDIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2DOCKET NOS. 50-275 AND 50-323ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82, issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E, the licensee), for operation of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), Units 1 and 2, located in San Luis Obispo County, California.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTIdentification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow a one-time extension of 3 months to the period for filing the subsequent revision to the FSAR to 9 months, rather than 6 months, after the completion of the Unit 2 seventh refueling outage.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated May 7, 1996, for exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.71, "Maintenance of records, making of reports."

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4), the licensee must file subsequent revisions annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates to the FSAR does not exceed 24 months. The revision must reflect all changes up to a maximum of 6 months prior to the date of the filing.

Currently, licensees file their revision to the FSAR 6 months following the completion of their Unit 2 refueling outage.

The licensee proposes a one-time exemption to allow Revision 11 of the FSAR update to be filed 9 months, rather than 6 months, after the completion of the Unit 2 seventh refueling outage. The revision will meet the requirement to be current to within 6 months of the time of the filing.

An exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) is required to allow PG&E to complete its comprehensive review of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant FSAR update to ensure its completeness and accuracy and to incorporate any inaccuracies into Revision 11 of the FSAR update.

#### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluent that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and would have no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded that the environmental effects of the proposed action are not significant, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative would be to deny the requested exemption. Denial of the exemption would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are identical.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statements for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant dated May 1973.

Agencies and Persons Contacted:

In accordance with NRC policy, on June 18, 1996, the staff consulted with the California State official, Mr. Steve Hsu of the Radiologic Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

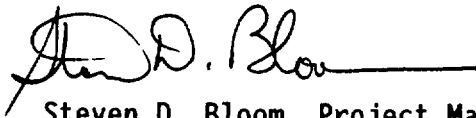
Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated May 7, 1996, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street,

NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the California Polytechnic State University, Robert E. Kennedy Library, Government Documents and Maps Department, San Luis Obispo, California 93407.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of June 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steven D. Bloom", followed by a horizontal line.

Steven D. Bloom, Project Manager  
Project Directorate IV-2  
Division of Reactor Projects III/IV  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation