

Written Statement
Diablo Canyon
Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Proceeding

My name is Morgan Rafferty. I live in Arroyo Grande with my family, approximately 16 miles downwind from Diablo Canyon. I am writing to say that I find it inconceivable that only one small piece of one of the contentions of the San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace will be given full hearing. As our Attorney General stated in his recent letter to NRC Chairman Meserve, the contentions raise important questions regarding the safety and security of the proposed ISFSI. He goes on to say that if the public is to have any confidence in the NRC permitting process, the issues raised must be analyzed publicly. We need to have public hearings on all of the concerns of the community, as expressed by the San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace.

As parents of a young child, my partner and I do all that we can to insure her safety and security at all times. Of course there are always unforeseeable events that one cannot prepare for. However, I fail to understand how the NRC can argue that the chance of a terrorist attack on Diablo Canyon is too speculative and not quantifiable. This is in direct opposition to what we are hearing regularly from our government. The Department of Homeland Security has announced that the entire nation is at high risk of terrorist attack. Government officials have confirmed that nuclear power plants are likely targets. How can one view the horrifying scenes of the US attack on Iraq that are being shown on televisions around the world and fail to realize how this will result in further terrorist action? The risks of terrorism at Diablo Canyon cannot be ignored in this licensing process.

Recently I was talking with friends in a parent's group at a local school. We were discussing what we might do in the case of a terrorist attack or accident at Diablo Canyon. We all had different viewpoints about living near a nuclear plant, but we were united in our sense of frustration over the lack of real emergency planning for our community and the knowledge that it would be close to impossible to evacuate this area safely. We all expressed feelings of helplessness when considering the chances we have of protecting our families. I am reminded of the Mothers for Peace poster that says "What do you do in case of nuclear accident...kiss your children goodbye." The emergency planning for our community is woefully inadequate. It is another important concern that must be addressed by this board.

As a community, we are looking to you, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, to fully address all of our concerns in this licensing proceeding. We expect that you will fulfill your responsibility and do everything that you are able to ensure our safety and security.