

**PG&E'S PROPOSAL FOR A HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
REPOSITORY AT DIABLO CANYON
MUST HAVE FULL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN
SAN LUIS OBISPO**

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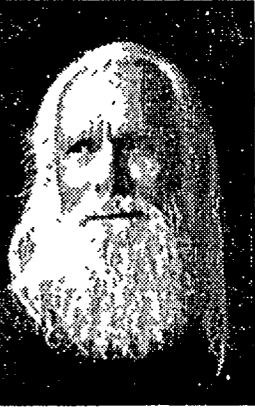
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**Full Hearings Must be Held on Safety and Financial Issues that will Seriously Impact the
Lives of the Residents of San Luis Obispo County, the Central Coast and the 7 million
People who Live within One Mile of PG&E's Proposed Transport Route for High Level
Radioactive Waste.**

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Close down Diablo plant

Nipomo is downwind from Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. The wind comes from that direction 85 percent of the time. The Radiation and Public Health Project research group has investigated radiation near nuclear power plants in California and has found operations at the seven nuclear reactors (including Diablo) have added considerable radioactivity to the local environment. This disturbs me.

Diablo has requested they be permitted to store more nuclear waste at their plant near Avila Beach. The present storage facilities will soon be inadequate for accumulation of their "waste."

An obvious answer to me is to stop producing it.

In 1978, I along with 500 others were concerned enough about this nasty legacy to be arrested. At the following protest there were 2,000 arrested (and 25,000 people demonstrated): It's not a pleasant experience for a college professor to be arrested. However, in the tradition of Henry David Thoreau, concerned responsible citizens have an obligation to speak out when their government is doing wrong.

This was our tradition when we broke off from England with the Boston Tea Party. This duty of responsible citizens was established as the Nuremberg Principles after the Nazi Holocaust.

back in 1978, I felt an obligation to ask a straightforward question: "What do you plan to do with this dangerous material that will be around longer than civilization?"

They had no answer then and they have no answer now. Storage on site next to an earthquake fault is not an answer in my opinion. Citizens in our democracy do not want to leave a legacy like this for thousands of generations.

According to a recent Union of Concerned Scientist's report: "Spent fuel pools contain more radioactivity than do reactor cores." These storage pools and dry-cask sites are outside the reactor's more secure containment structure.

A suggestion I presented last month to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission when they met in San Luis Obispo was that the dry casks be stored on the back patio of the homes of people in control of PG&E who recently received large bonuses. This would disperse the material and provide an excellent conversation piece at cocktail parties.

The Price-Anderson Act is a form of subsidy for the nuclear industry which privatizes profit and socializes costs by placing caps on liability (responsibility) in the event of an accident. No other industry enjoys such an exemption from the consequences of its actions. If a nuclear power plant like Diablo were actually "safe," regular insurance would insure them — they aren't.

If you even hint that "we need" the energy, ask yourself how you dry your laundry (I use a line). The only way to stop producing it: **Close down Diablo!**

If you agree, let the County Board of Supervisors know (County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408) or send an e-mail to: jcaruso@co.slo.ca.us or jeuphrat@co.slo.ca.us.

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Speaking out/in silence

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will have "hearings" about Diablo nuclear waste dump. The "hearings" will take place at Cliffs Resort in Shell Beach Sept. 10 and 11, starting at 9:30 a.m. The public can only listen, like in Nazi Germany.

I was arrested in front of Diablo 30 years ago because they didn't know then what they were going to do with this terrible legacy. They still don't know, unless you call storage subject to terrorism and next to an earthquake fault an answer. I don't.

I will be outside starting at 8:30 a.m. with signs (e.g. Nipomo Downwind, No Nuke Waste at Diablo).

If I cannot speak inside I will legally, silently, nonviolently demonstrate outside. This is my country. This is my grandsons' country. I am a responsible, concerned citizen. Join me.

The right/obligation of concerned citizens to speak out when their government/corporations are doing wrong was brought out in the Nuremberg

trials following World War II.
Bill Denneen
Nipomo

1. How much radioactivity is already out there?
2. How much radioactivity was Diablo originally licensed for?
3. How much more radioactivity will be stored there if PG&E's applications are granted?
4. What are the ramifications of possible catastrophic events, such as a Sept. 11-style terrorist attack, a major earthquake or a waste pool fire?
5. How likely is it that such events will happen?

Without answers to these crucial questions, an informed decision cannot be made. However, neither the county government nor the local media is pressing for answers. Moreover, PG&E and the NRC are making a concerted effort to make sure public input is eliminated or kept at the utmost minimum.

Klaus Schumann

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