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I have been a resident of San Luis Obispo since 1978 and have carefully studied and participated in the issues surrounding Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

I would like to add my voice to the many who express their concern about the proposed expanded fuel storage facility. It is obvious to those who have an open mind that the proposed method of storage is not the safest available although it may be the cheapest. The safest method of storage would be to cease production of additional spent highly radioactive fuel and to build containment facilities for the waste which will remain for decades if not centuries.

The NRC has been very lucky in its oversight of nuclear reactors but that luck might not hold. A significant accident at any of the plants will bring into serious doubt the continuation of electricity production by nuclear power plants. Diablo is in a prime location for terrorist attacks as well as being on an active earthquake fault. It is your responsibility to insist that the storage facility be the safest possible given the known science.

The fact that PG&E is in bankruptcy only compounds the problem. What guarantees do the citizens have that they will be good stewards of the waste for decades to come or that a future owner will take on this very expensive responsibility?

Do the right thing for once and insist that the storage facility be a model of safety, not the cheapest way of dealing with a problem that will last thousands of years.

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