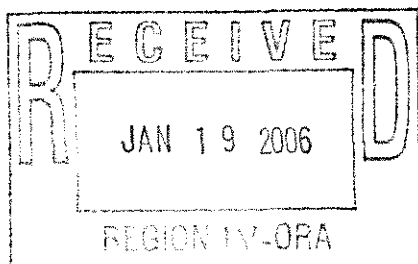
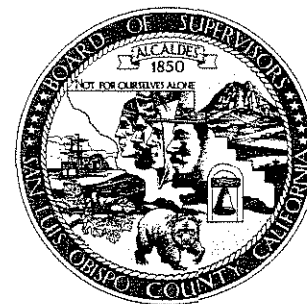


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January 10, 2006

California Energy Commission
Joseph Desmond, Chairman
1516 9th St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Desmond,

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors supports the California Energy Commission's (CEC) recommendation to, "evaluate the long-term implications associated with the continuing accumulation of spent fuel at California's operating [nuclear power] plants, including a case-by-case evaluation of public safety and ratepayer costs of on-site interim storage of spent fuel versus transporting spent fuel offsite for interim storage."

The CEC's concerns stated that given, "the high level of uncertainty surrounding the federal waste disposal program, California's utilities will likely be forced to retain spent fuel in storage facilities [and] at currently operating reactor sites for an indefinite period of time."

Neither the CEC, nor the County of San Luis Obispo is alone in its concerns regarding the increasing stockpiles of high-level radioactive waste on our nation's coasts and waterways. Our support of the CEC recommendation is based on increasing doubts that a permanent disposal facility for high-level radioactive waste at Diablo Canyon will ever be available. These doubts have been substantiated by nuclear experts, federal government oversight agencies and both Republican and Democratic Senators from Nevada and Utah.

Further evidence confirming the Board's concern that our community may become a permanent high-level radioactive waste storage site in perpetuity can be found in the Congressional vote to cut funding for the nation's only proposed permanent site in November 2005. The final figure was also less than the House and the Senate passed during earlier debates. More delays in the oft-delayed project caused lawmakers to curb Yucca Mountain's budget.

San Luis Obispo County stands ready to work with the CEC, the state, the CPUC, PG&E, and the NRC for our state's energy needs and planning for a worst case scenario for our county from a radioactive release due to an act of terrorism, malice or insanity, or due to earthquake or age-related accidents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katcho Achadjian', written in a cursive style.

KHATCHIK H. "KATCHO" ACHADJIAN
Chairperson

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