

March 17, 2010

The Honorable Mr. Vincent Armenta  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCOPING COMMENTS CONCERNING THE DIABLO  
CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL  
APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Armenta:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) has recently received an application from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) for the renewal of the operating licenses for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCPP), Units 1 and 2, located approximately 12 miles west-southwest of San Luis Obispo, California. The NRC is in the initial stages of developing a supplemental environmental impact statement to the generic environmental impact statement (GEIS), which will document the impacts associated with the renewal of the DCPP. We would like your assistance in our review by providing input to the NRC's environmental review scoping process. The NRC's process includes an opportunity for public and inter-governmental participation in the environmental review. We want to ensure that you are aware of our efforts pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51, Section 51.28(a)(5). In addition, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 through the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant is issued for up to 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating licenses for DCPP, Units 1 and 2, will expire on November 2, 2024 and August 26, 2025, respectively. Provided for your information is the DCPP Site Layout (Enclosure 1) and Transmission Line Map (Enclosure 2). Additionally, attached you will find a compact disk containing copies of the license renewal application and the GEIS.

The GEIS considered the environmental impacts of renewing nuclear power plant operating licenses for a 20-year period on all currently operating sites. In the GEIS the NRC staff identified 92 environmental issues and developed generic conclusions related to environmental impacts for 69 of these issues that apply to all plants or to plants with specific design or site characteristics. For the remaining 23 issues, plant-specific analyses will be documented in a supplement to the GEIS.

A supplemental environmental impact statement will be prepared for DCPP to document the staff's review of environmental impacts related to terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology, hydrology, cultural resources, and socioeconomic issues (among others), and will contain a recommendation regarding the environmental acceptability of the license renewal action.

Please submit any comments on the scope of the environmental review by April 12, 2010. Written comments should be submitted by mail to the Chief; Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mailstop TWB-5B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at [DiabloCanyonEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:DiabloCanyonEIS@nrc.gov). At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of the significant issues identified and the conclusions reached, and mail a copy to you.

The DCPD license renewal application and the GEIS are available on the internet at [www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/diablo-canyon.html](http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/diablo-canyon.html). In addition, the San Luis Obispo Public Library, 955 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, and the Paso Robles Public Library, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California, have agreed to make the license renewal application and the GEIS available for public inspection.

The staff expects to publish the draft supplemental environmental impact statement in October 2010. A copy of the document will be sent to you for your review and comment. The NRC will hold another set of public meetings in the site vicinity to solicit comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement. After consideration of public comments received, the NRC will prepare a final supplemental environmental impact statement, which is scheduled to be issued in August 2011. If you need additional information regarding the license renewal review process, please contact Andrew L. Stuyvenberg, License Renewal Project Manager, at 301-415-4006 or by e-mail at [Andrew.Stuyvenberg@nrc.gov](mailto:Andrew.Stuyvenberg@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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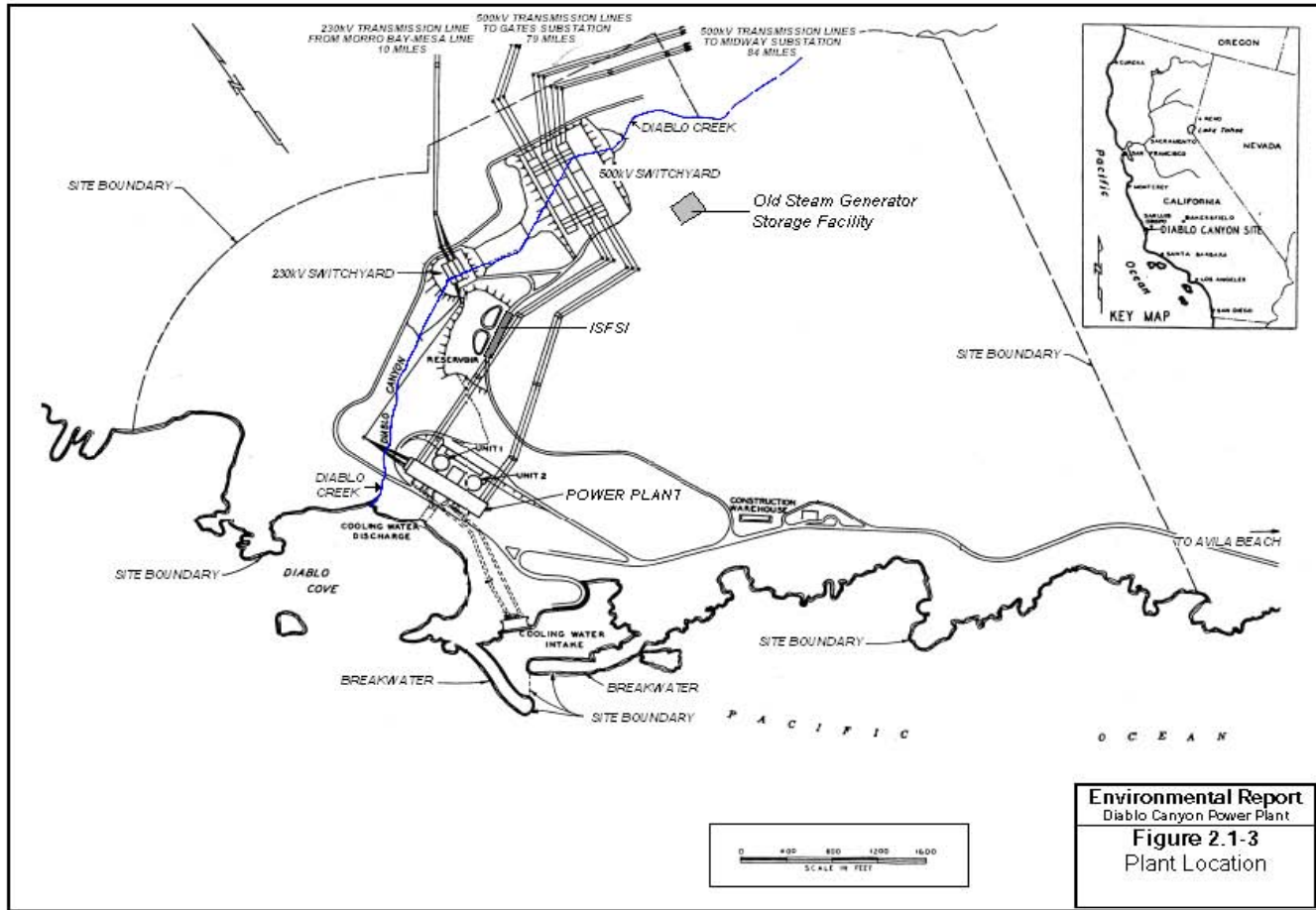
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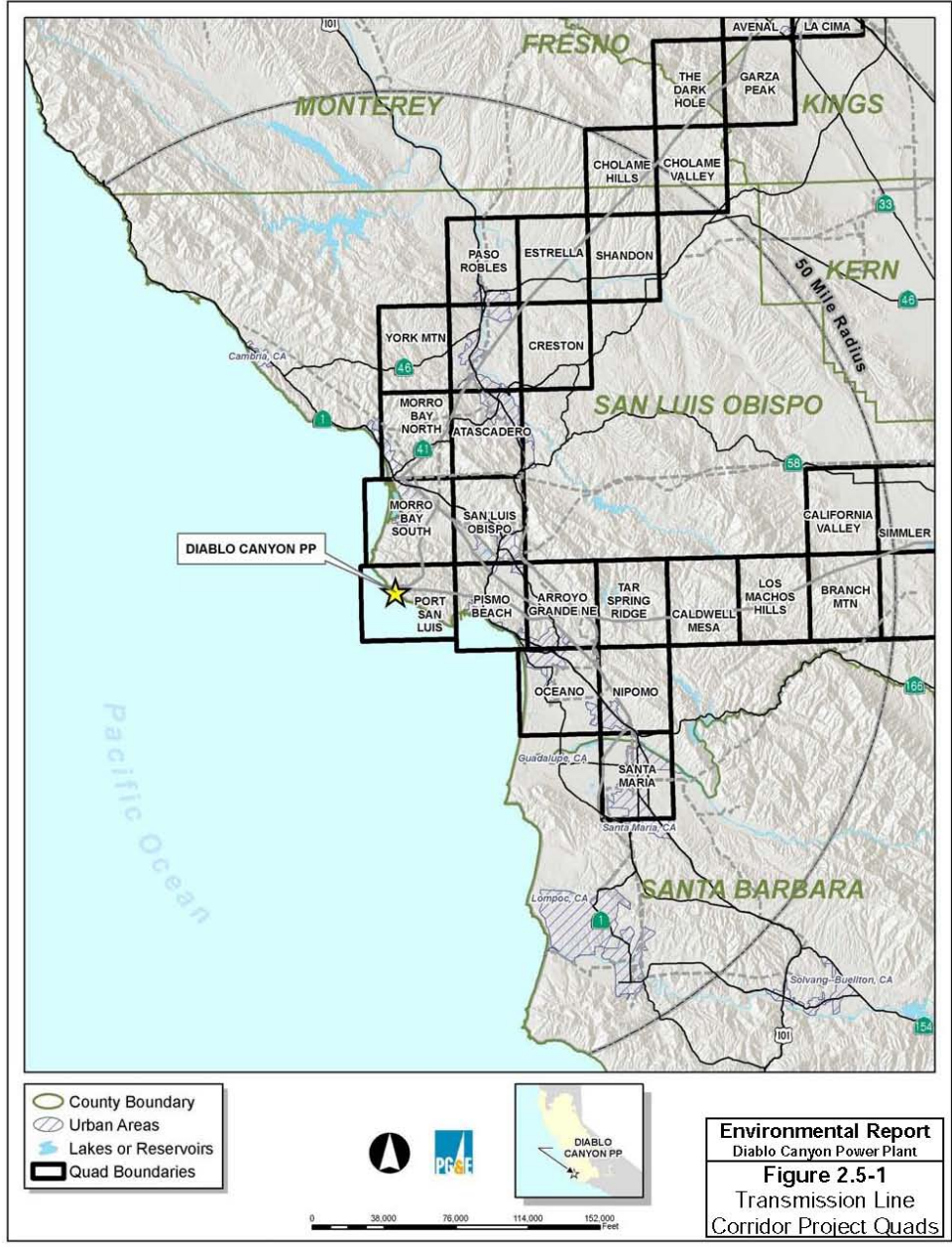
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Letter to V. Armenta from D. Wrona dated March 17, 2010

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