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NRC TO HOLD DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT MEETING TO DISCUSS RESULTS FROM SEISMIC ANALYSIS REPORT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will conduct a public meeting on Jan. 19, to discuss Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) analysis of a fault discovered in 2008 known as the Shoreline fault. PG&E operates the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant near San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo.

PG&E will brief the NRC staff on their analysis of the Shoreline fault. The public is invited to observe the meeting and will have an opportunity to speak with the NRC staff after the business portion of the meeting.

As part of its licensing requirements, PG&E is required to maintain a seismic program and analyze any new seismic information as it becomes available. PG&E and the U.S. Geological Survey were in the stages of reviewing new data to better understand the seismology of the central coastline region when the so-called Shoreline fault was discovered in 2008 about a half mile offshore.

The previously known Hosgri fault is located 3 miles offshore and is the maximum earthquake that Diablo Canyon is designed to withstand. Initial evaluations conducted by PG&E and the U.S. Geological Survey indicate that the ground motion from this new fault would fall within the ground motion considered from the larger Hosgri fault.

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