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ACTION: Signature of Chairman

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June 7, 2011

The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

I am writing to inform you of my support for today's order by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the license renewal for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant should be delayed by 52 months. I believe the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) should immediately concur with this order and officially halt the relicensing process until updated seismic studies and 3-D seismic mapping are completed, reviewed, and considered as part of this relicensing process.

As you know, I previously requested the NRC stay the license renewal process until these studies demonstrate the plant's design and operations can withstand the greatest possible ground motion from an earthquake and other potential threats. I made this request because my constituents deserve to be assured the NRC is doing everything possible to reduce the risk of a severe accident and that the plant is fully prepared to deal with any contingency. That simply cannot happen without complete data and information.

The ASLB's order is wise and responsible. It fully recognizes the NRC relicensing process for Diablo Canyon cannot continue until California's significant seismic concerns are studied and resolved. It will also help ensure that California taxpayers will not face billions of dollars in charges to once again belatedly address plant design and safety issues that may arise as a result of these needed seismic studies.

Therefore, I once again urge the Commission to stop the continuation of this process until all of the outstanding seismic questions and concerns relating to Diablo Canyon are answered and addressed.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Capps".

LOIS CAPPS  
Member of Congress