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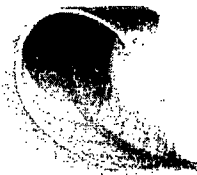
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From: San Clemente Green [gary@sanclementegreen.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 6:36 PM
To: CHAIRMAN Resource
Subject: There is a lot going on with San Onofre, but I'll try to be brief.

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San Clemente Green

Citizens for a Sustainable Future

Dear Allison,

I regret having to begin with an apology, but so much is happening that I may be guilty of information overload in this update. I'll try to parse it down to key points and let you follow it for more details as you like. First segment is on the latest news coverage followed by a segment on actions you may want to participate in. Thanks in advance for wading through this one.

Gary

Here is the latest in the news...

INTERVIEW: Former U.S. nuke watchdog chair says regulators must stay independent

In a recent interview with The Asahi Shimbun in Washington, Gregory Jaczko, former chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), said it is crucial for a nuclear watchdog to stay independent from the nuclear industry.

Here are some important statements from this article, but an amazingly frank and frightening insight into the inner workings of the NRC is covered in more detail.

A lot of what I fought against when I was chairman was to re-instill that culture that our job is to ensure safety and to do what we need to do. And that was met with tremendous opposition from my colleagues on the commission.

Every time there is something we did not expect, then we add on a new safety system to

fix that hole. It is like a dike leaking everywhere.

If we do not want to deal with the waste, and if nobody wants a repository, you just have to stop generating nuclear power. There is no other answer.

Senior executives of the utilities, who demand certain things and ask certain things of the chairman, expect it to be done.

Several good articles came out with this recent announcement from Edison that they could safely run a defective reactor at 100% (not just 70%), without first fixing the problem.

L A Times - One San Onofre unit could be restarted at full power, Edison says

CBS News - San Onofre Nuclear Plant Could Break Down At Full Power

Washington Post Report: Running San Onofre nuke plant at full power could cause breakdown after 11 months

Here is my take on it...

Another way of understanding what Edison claims is that if they were allowed to run at 100% for 11 months there could be a tube rupture resulting in a catastrophic release of radiation into the environment, contaminating California for who knows how long.

Edison's ability to accurately predict the future:

Four new steam generators had a design flaw that underestimated the extreme forces in the system by 400% and failed in less than two years instead of forty. They also predicted massive blackouts if they went off line, especially during the summer, but the lights are still on more than a year later.

It is obvious that Edison will say or do anything to avoid the scrutiny of a License Amendment hearing. All the more reason to have one.

All we are asking for is to have a restart decision made by a body of independent jurors or a judge where testimony is under oath, cross examinations are allowed by independent experts, and evidence is made available to all.

Besides all this, we have vulnerabilities like cyber attack, earthquakes and tsunamis, aged equipment, human error, terrorist threats, sabotage.

The fact is, we don't need to take the risk that Edison is putting on our backs for their own profit.

Our school district will consider passing a resolution calling for a license amendment hearing.

Parents Want Capco Unified Involved in Nuke Plant Debate

They ask for school board members to follow the example of San Diego Unified.
(We now have confirmation for being on the Agenda, 3/27. See Actions in next block)

MSN Video Report - Potential cyber attack on San Onofre

(as if we don't have enough to worry about)

Officials warn about America's cyber war weak spots

AP - San Onofre's top exec made \$2 million in 2012 while nuclear plant was shut all year and ratepayers shelled out \$54 million per month for nothing.

Upcoming Activities

Progressives of South Orange County

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30

Agostino's By the Sea Ristorante Italiano

34700 Coast Highway, Capistrano Beach 92624

The Latest on San Onofre

Gary Headrick will update us on the latest developments and Roger Johnson will speak about radiation and health/cancer concerns

The Social Hour will begin at 5:30 (great sunset views over the ocean!) followed by the meeting at 7 PM. Both will take place in the Banquet Room. You will be able to order happy hour specials, appetizers, or a full dinner from the menu.

RSVP to SCNJ66@yahoo.com

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will be voting on whether San Diego needs two new dirty power plants in San Diego: Quail Brush and Pio Pico. We know these Dirty Power Plants aren't necessary, but SDGE and others will be there to say they are needed.

WHEN: Thursday, March 21, RALLY at 8a, CPUC Voting Meeting starts at 9a (arrive by 8:30a to get seats and sign in to speak/Oppose).

WHERE: Kearny Mesa at the County of San Diego Operations Center, 5520 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123.

[Sign up on Facebook event page](#)

On March 27th the Capistrano Unified School District will consider a resolution calling for a license amendment hearing before Edison is allowed to restart a defective nuclear reactor.

Please attend to speak or to simply show support for this reasonable and important request. There will be a press conference at 6:00 pm. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. If you would like to send a message to the school board in advance of the meeting you can email jboos@capousd.org

Location: 33122 Valle Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA ([MAP](#))


I'll leave you with this comment from my friend Torgen Johnson (a well informed Harvard trained urban planner) ...

The reason Capo Unified should be involved in discussions about San Onofre's safety is that the District has a commitment to more than 51,000 students entrusted to its care, has more than 3,900 employees, covers 55 school campuses encompassing 195 square miles in seven cities and a portion of the unincorporated area of Orange County. With that size, and scale of responsibility comes the moral imperative that the Unified School District make its students' and its employees' safety its first priority during the times that they are on school grounds. Nuclear disasters can encompass an area as large as 38,000 square kilometers or 14,671 sq. miles. That is an area much larger than Los Angeles County, Orange County, and San Diego County combined. Severe nuclear power plant accidents create exclusion zones that become uninhabitable in a matter of hours. If a severe accident happens at San Onofre it is important that the School District knows how to protect and reconnect evacuating students with their evacuating working parents, especially if their homes are no longer habitable. The three counties mentioned above are home to 3.83 million children and should be part of the discussion as well. Edison lobbies your schools and city council to ensure that the dangerous facts about San Onofre are kept from you. If you are not outraged then you are misinformed about the nature of nuclear disasters.



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