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To: CHAIRMAN Resource
Subject: Re: San Onofre

Dear Chairman Macfarlane,

As a former resident of both San Diego and Los Angeles and now living in the Central Valley, I implore you to reconsider restarting San Onofre.

With the warning of Fukushima littering both shores of the Pacific and the warming of Arctic ice raising sea levels, regardless of the structural integrity of San Onofre its location is disastrous. When its age and southern California's seismic energy are factored in, surely the American government will take the path Germany did when they retired all reactors more than eight years old.

We have warning signs aplenty that restarting San Onofre is a gamble that the American people cannot afford to take. As Fukushima affected more than just its homeland, so too will a breach at San Onofre. We've been warned by Three Mile Island, the many oil spills since, the O-rings on the Apollo spacecraft. . . that we must assume there WILL be a technical problem with our technology, not the reverse.

And then there are the surprise events delivered by the natural world. The justification for restarting this reactor pales in comparison to the downside should it fail, especially when California has safer energy delivery systems that can jump into any power breach caused by an overloaded electrical grid. The answer to increased demand is not San Onofre.

I thank you for considering this appeal. I doubt I've said anything you haven't heard before. My hope is that you will keep at the top of the agency's San Onofre list the fact that one minuscule human error or a fluke of nature can spell disaster for millions of people and the ecosystem too far into the future to imagine. (No other icon strikes fear into a person more than *Warning: Nuclear Danger*. See the response of Americans living on the West Coast to Fukushima debris washing ashore--even before there was evidence.)

No other industry is as laden with such immediate long-lasting uncontrollable disaster as the nuclear industry. It makes our carbon-fossil fuel nightmare look almost archaic. God forbid it should become redundant.

Respectfully,

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