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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL
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September 6, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO: Rebecca Giitter, Administrative and Litigation Analyst

FROM: Twana Ellis, Program Analyst

SUBJECT: PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
(DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2)
DOCKET NOS. 50-275-LR and 50-323-LR
ASLBP NO. 10-890-01-LR-BD01
WRITTEN LIMITED APPEARANCE STATEMENT

Dear Ms. Giitter,

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board handling the above-captioned adjudication recently received the enclosed communication. While it does not constitute evidence, we deem it to be a limited appearance statement filed pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c).

On behalf of the Diablo Canyon Board, I request that you place the enclosed document in the electronic hearing docket for this proceeding.

Thank you.

Twana Ellis

Encl.: 08/15/13 Letter from J.A. Tony Fallin

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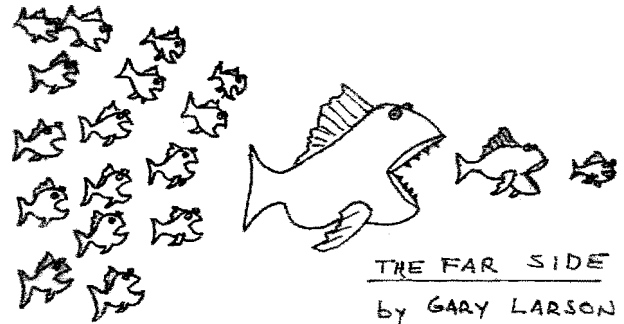
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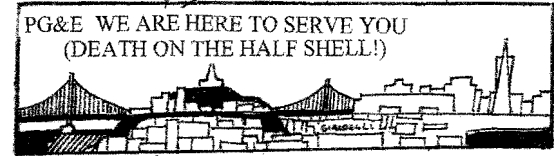
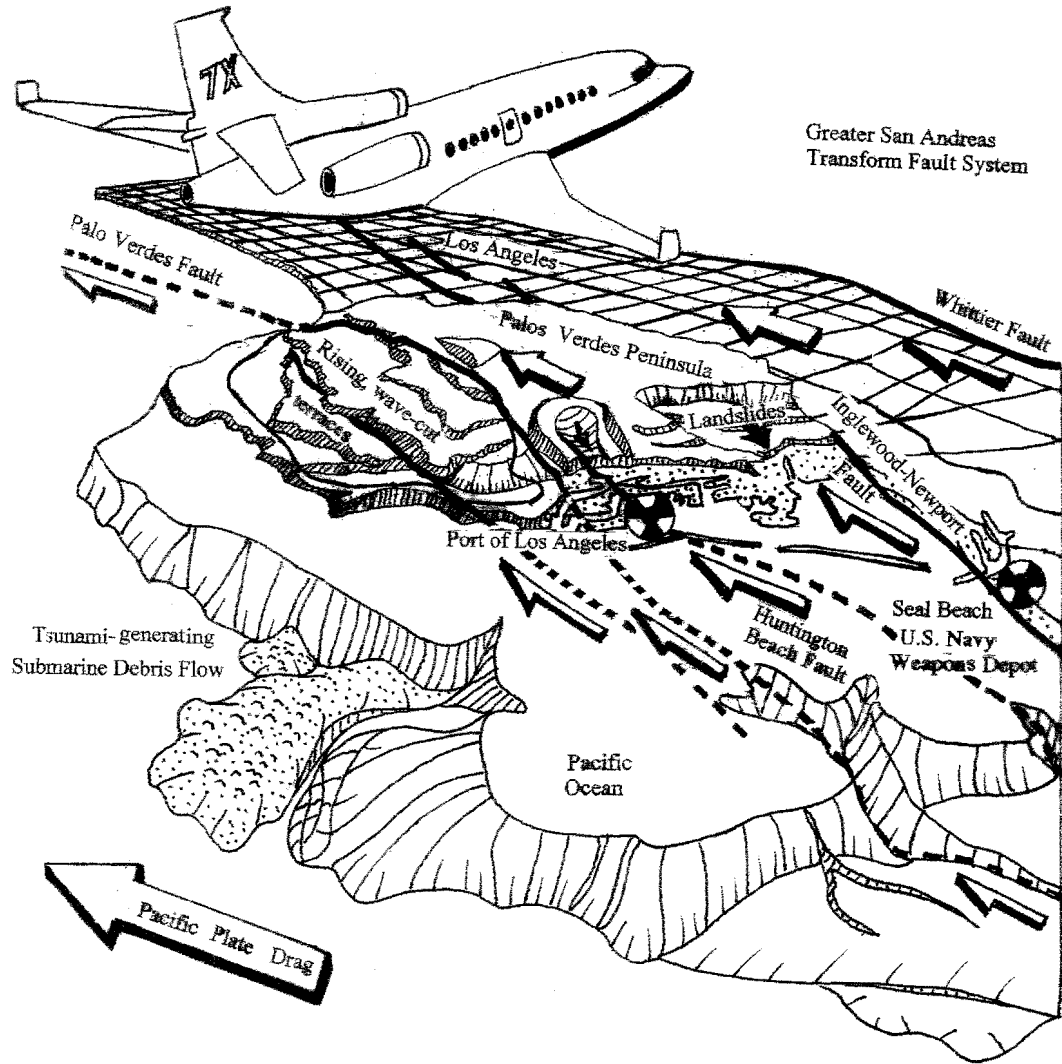
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At-Risk, Nuclear Facilities Posing Clear and Present Dangers on Tsunami-Prone Coastlines of the U.S.

By J. A. Tony Fallin, U.S.G.S./Janus International – 2012



Common sense alone says the nuclear site was fatally flawed from the outset. An offshore, active fault lies within five miles of the plant, as do tsunami-generating fault basins as well. Also, another fault bounds the coastline within 1000-feet of the nuclear facility, making the site unacceptable by NRC criteria. Individual earthquakes can tilt as well as offset and rupture nuclear plants, while repeated shaking by multiple quakes leads to structural fatigue and break-downs.

YET ANOTHER GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT TRIES TO TALK COMMON SENSE INTO THE MINDS OF PG&E'S DEATH-WISH SUITS AT THE UTILITY'S CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

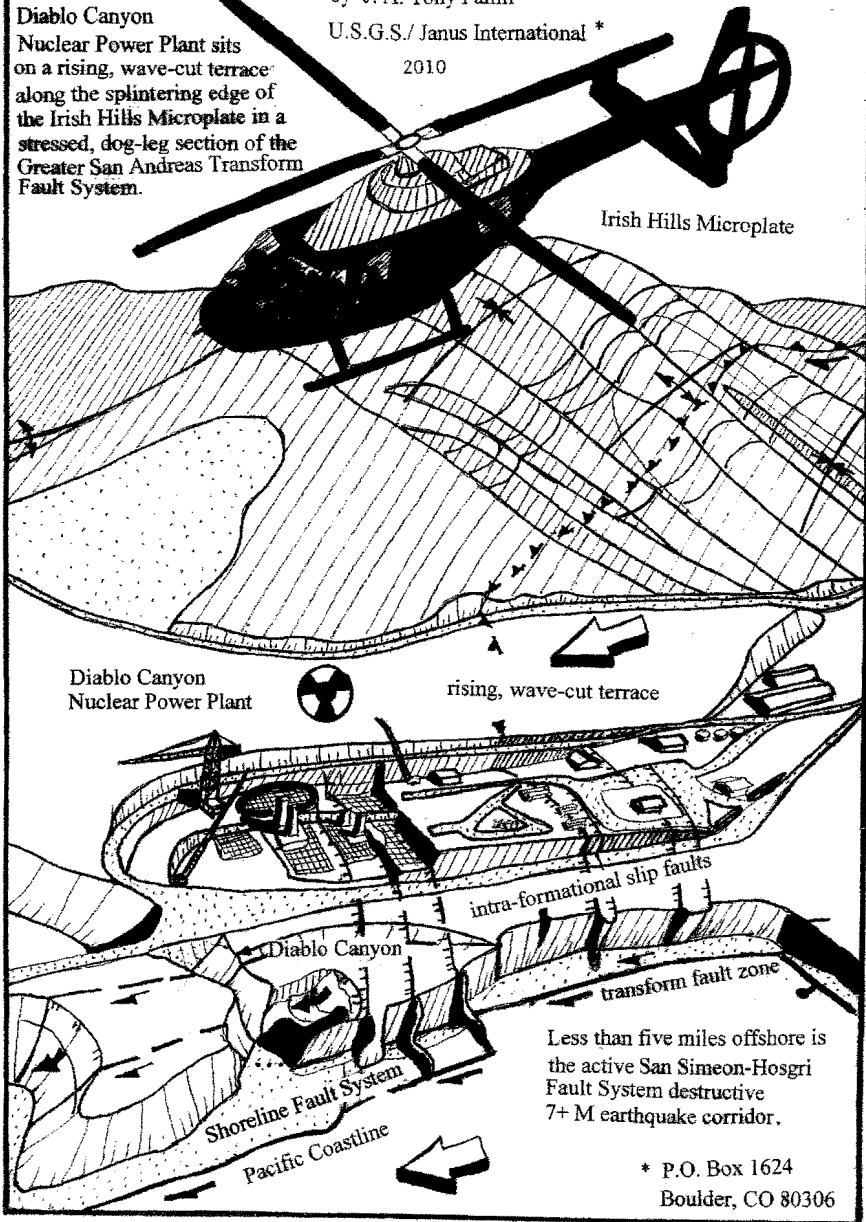
NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS AND GEOTECTONICS
ACROSS WESTERN NORTH AMERICA

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Diablo Canyon
Nuclear Power Plant sits
on a rising, wave-cut terrace
along the splintering edge of
the Irish Hills Microplate in a
stressed, dog-leg section of the
Greater San Andreas Transform
Fault System.



Less than five miles offshore is
the active San Simeon-Hosgri
Fault System destructive
7+ M earthquake corridor.

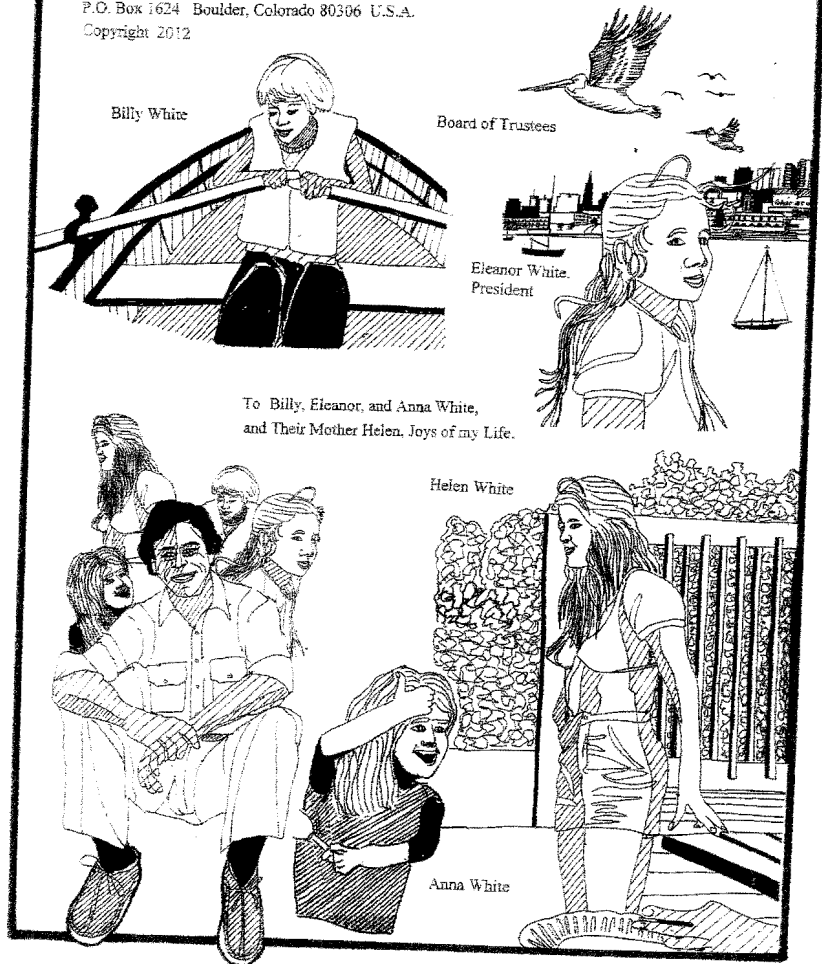
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Thank you for your time and attention to this missive.

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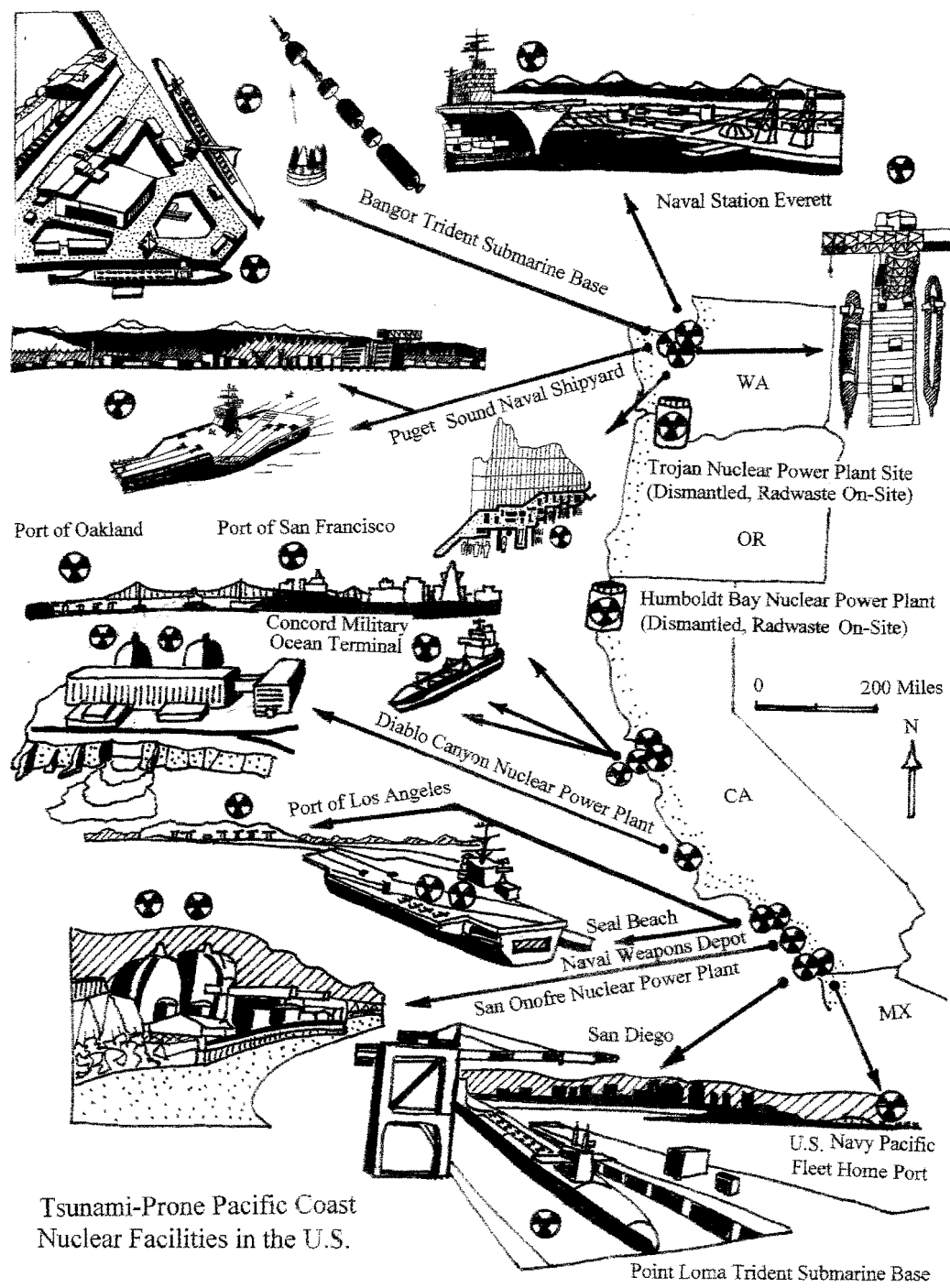
Eleanor White,
President

To Billy, Eleanor, and Anna White,
and Their Mother Helen, Joys of my Life.

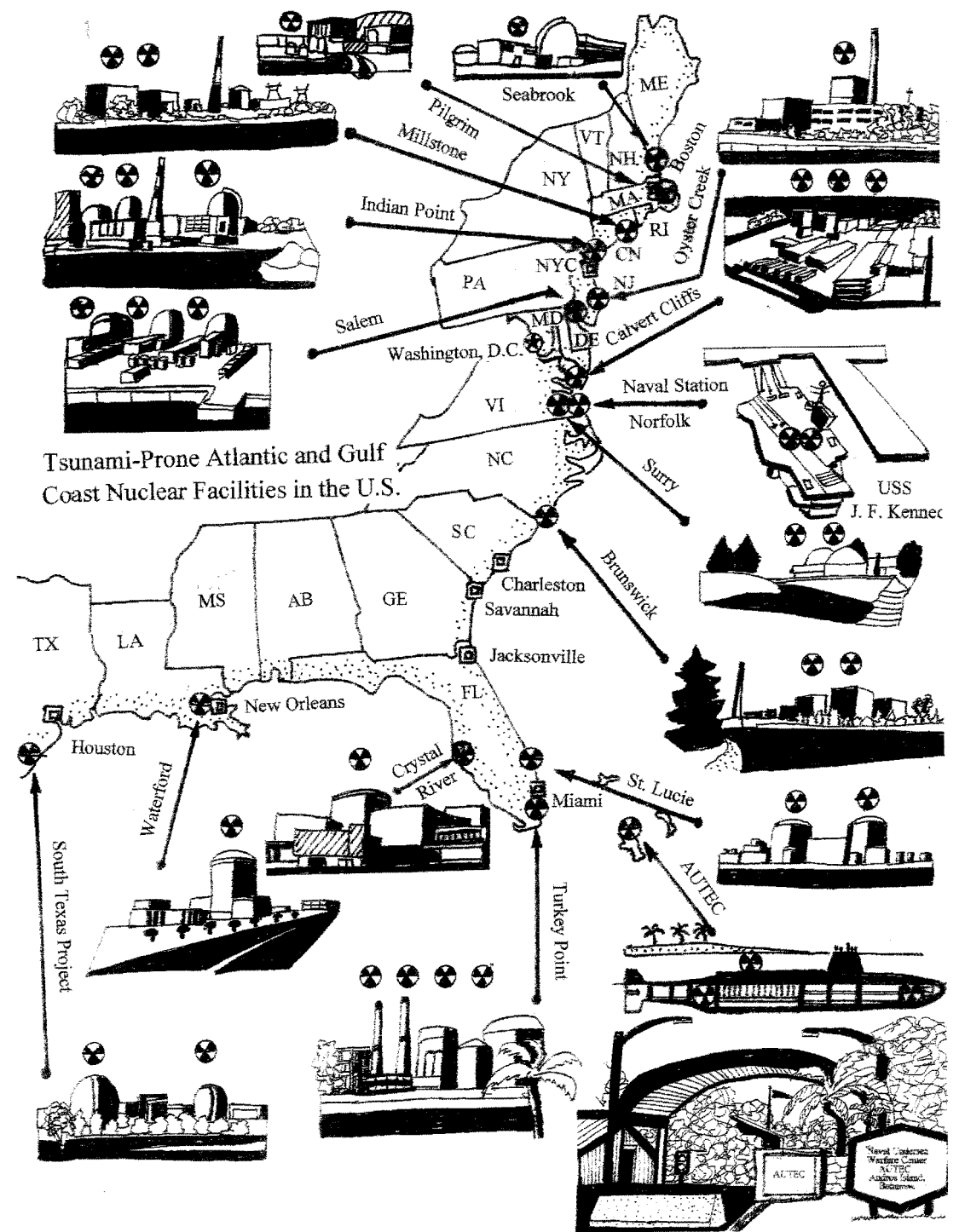
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Tsunami-Prone Pacific Coast Nuclear Facilities in the U.S.



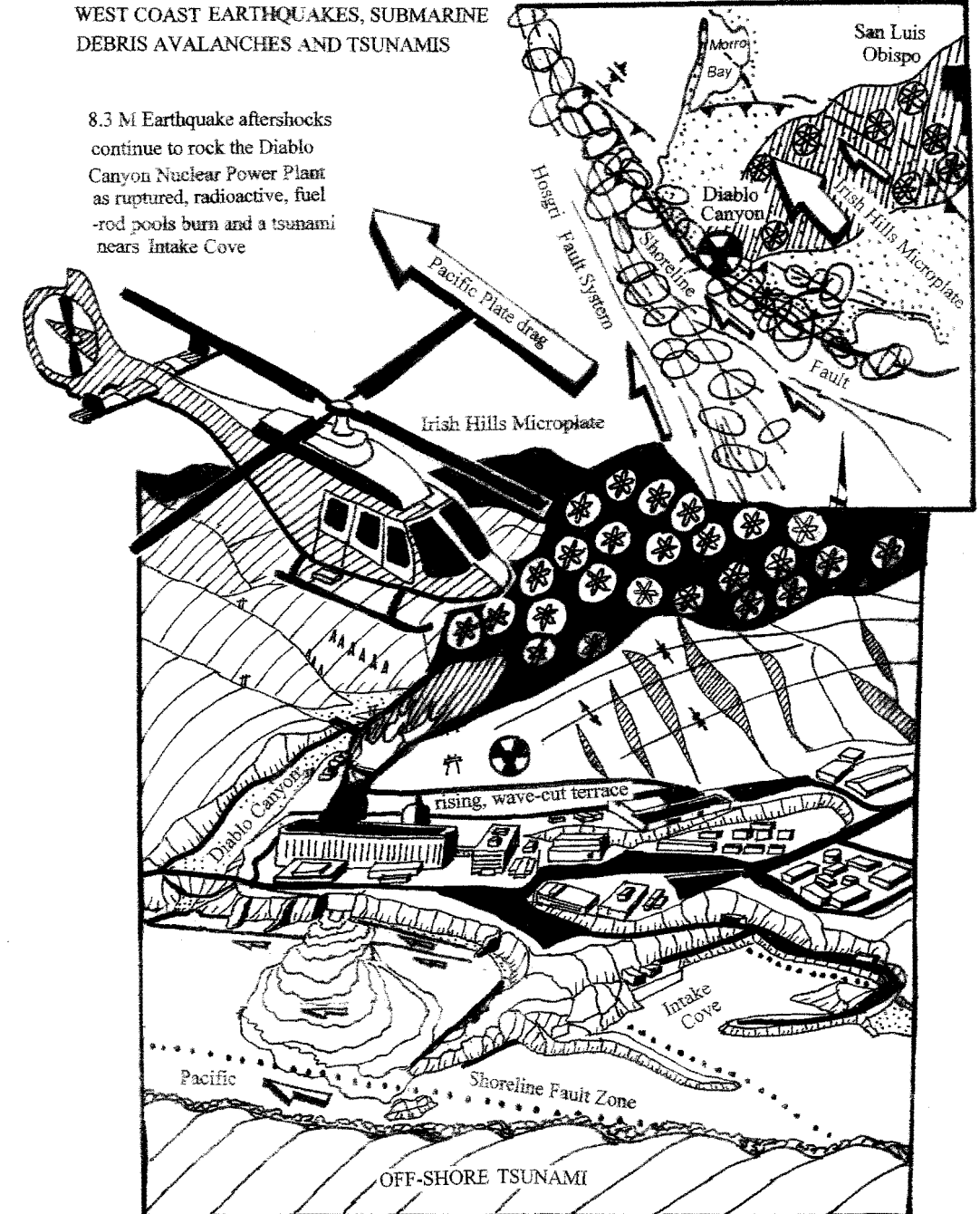
Tsunami-Prone Atlantic and Gulf Coast Nuclear Facilities in the U.S.

Cooling water intakes and outflow facilities at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant are located at sealevel or lower, exposing them directly to the tsunami dangers.

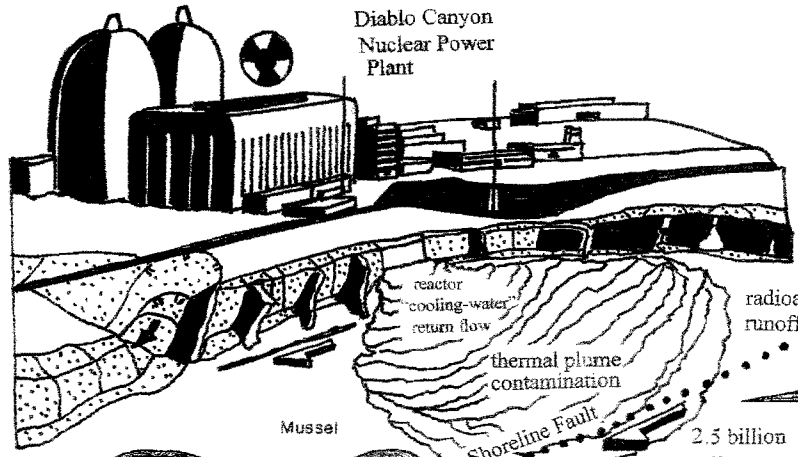


WEST COAST EARTHQUAKES, SUBMARINE DEBRIS AVALANCHES AND TSUNAMIS

8.3 M Earthquake aftershocks continue to rock the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant as ruptured, radioactive, fuel-rod pools burn and a tsunami nears Intake Cove



Radiation Dangers
downwind and downstream

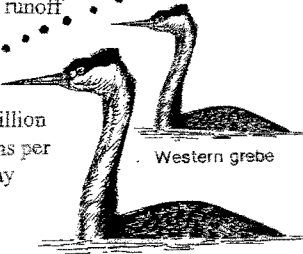


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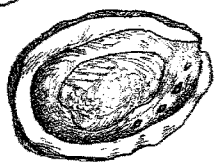


radioactive runoff

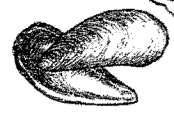
2.5 billion gallons per day



Western grebe



Abalone



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Pacific oyster



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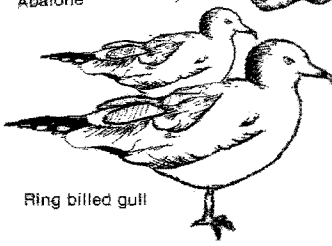
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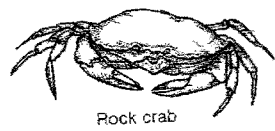
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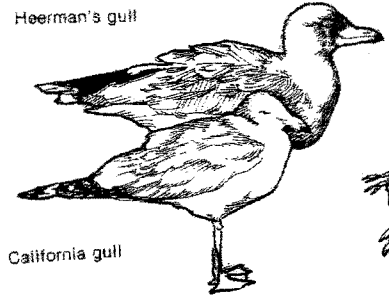


Ring billed gull



Rock crab

Environmental contamination



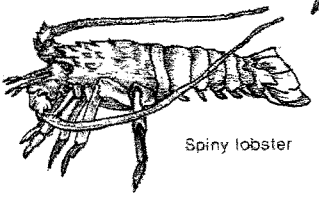
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Squid



Pelagic cormorant

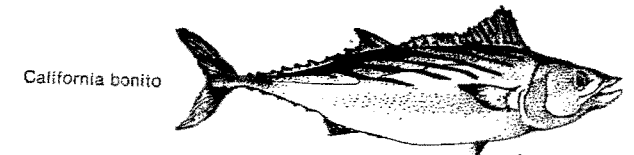


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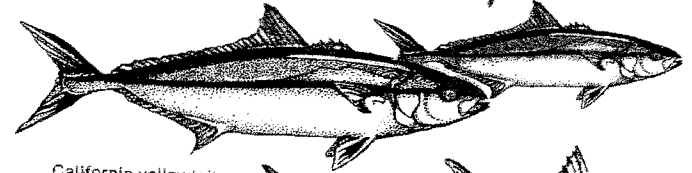
California gull

Populations susceptible to radioactive poisoning
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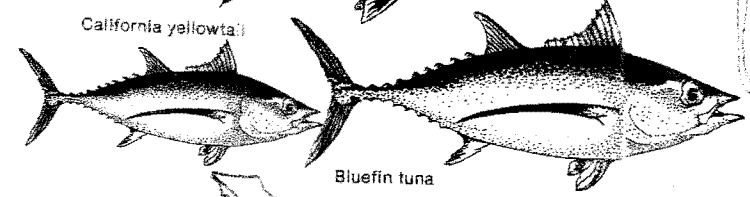
Game Fish



California bonito



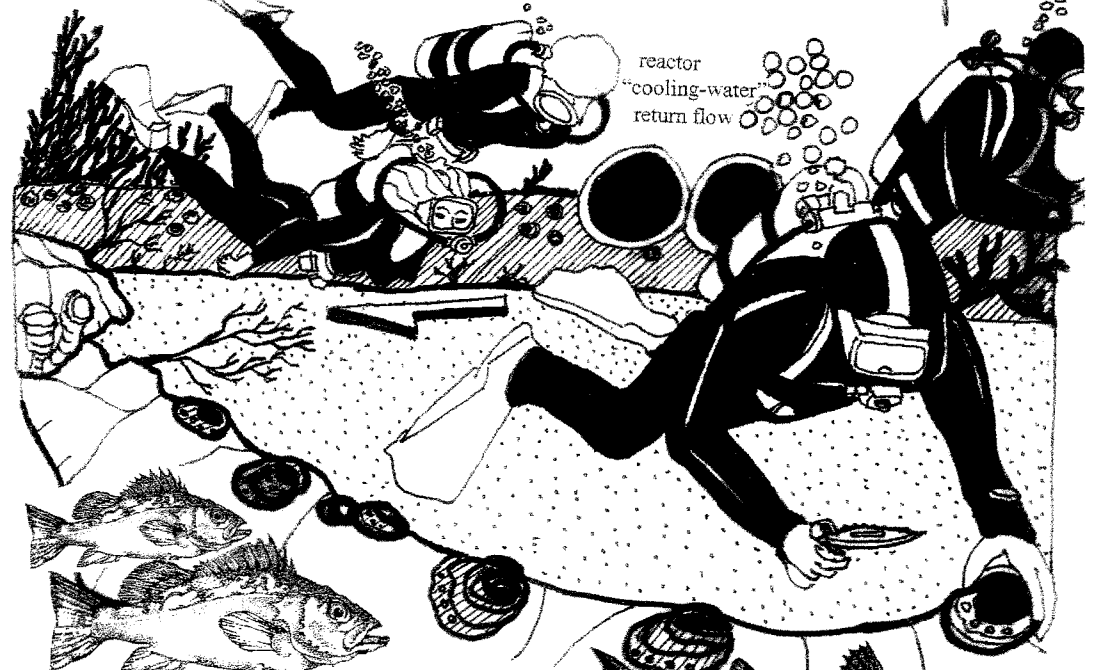
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Bluefin tuna



Moon Jellyfish

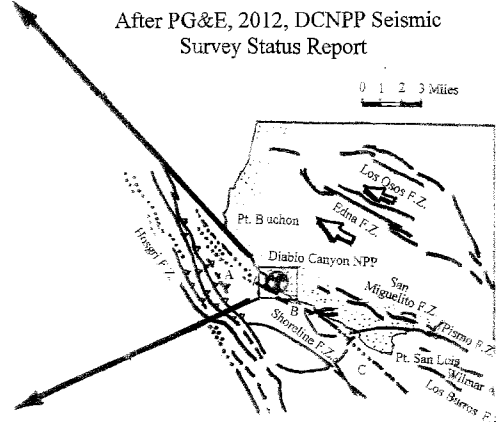
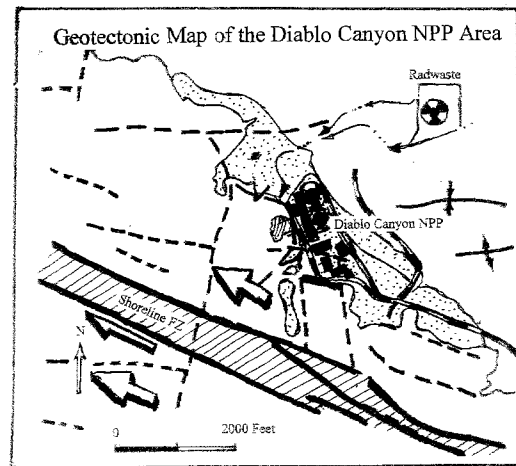


catastrophic obliteration
of abalone, and other
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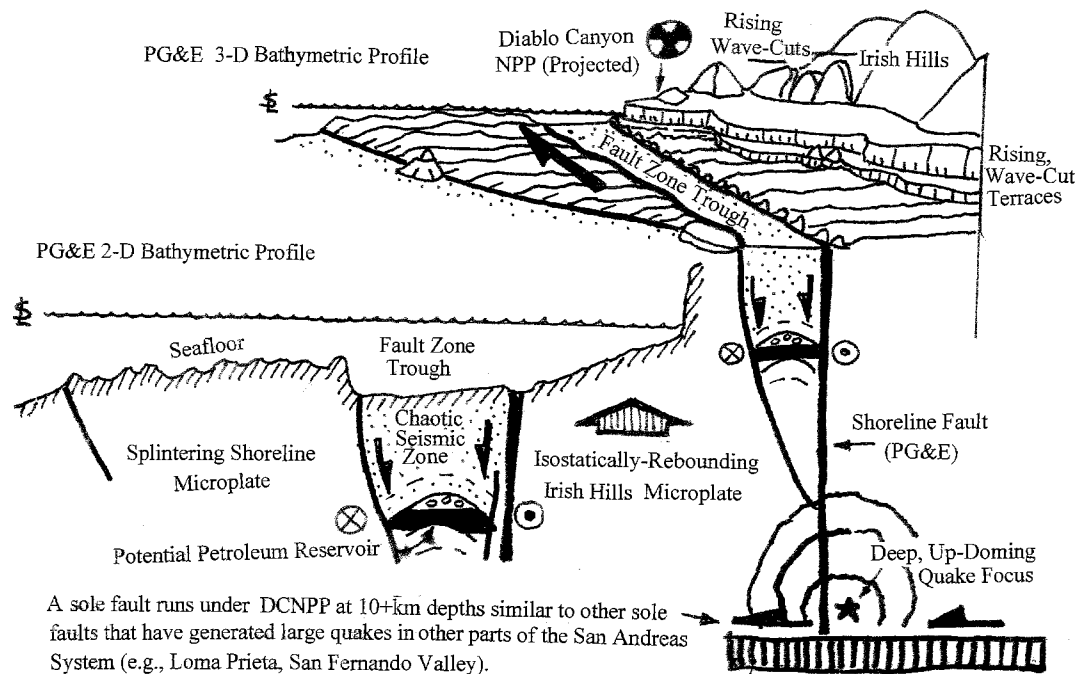
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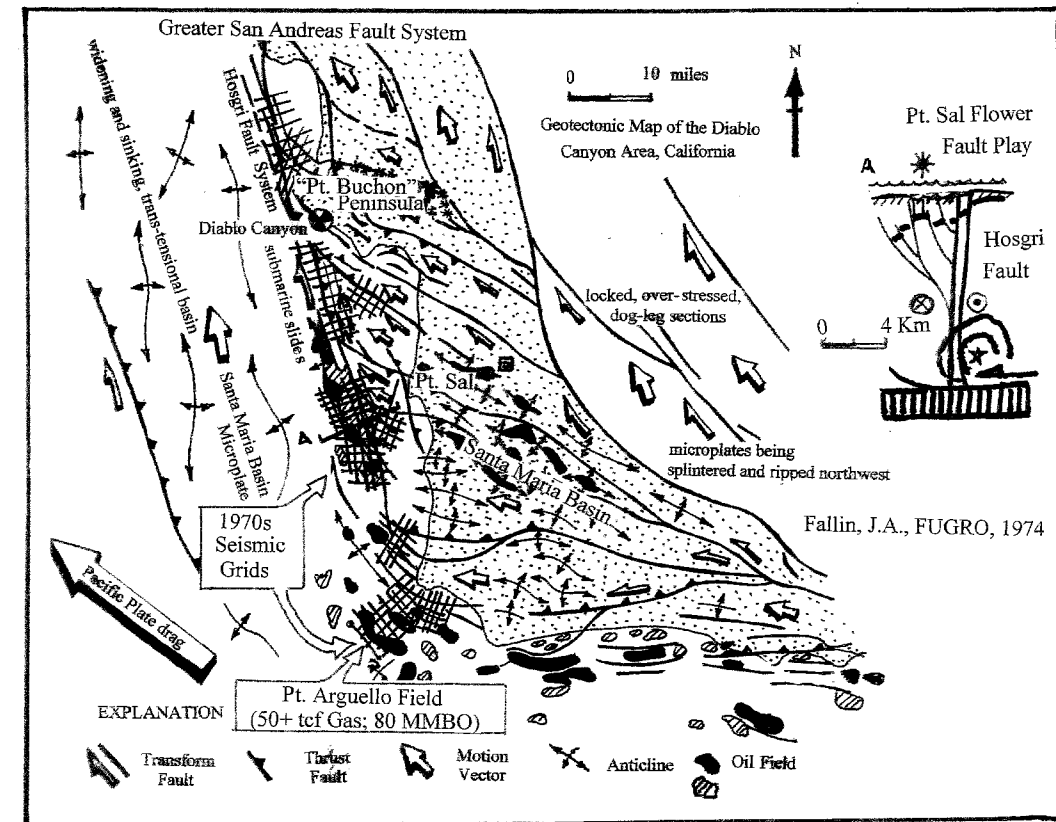
California barracuda



PG&E's 2012 bathymetric profiles of the Pacific seafloor around Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP) suggest that up to a quarter-mile-wide trough borders what the utility company labels as the Shoreline Fault. Such troughs occur often over upward-flowering offsets in the Greater San Andreas Fault System, with some even flagging "pinched" or "torqued", anticlinal, petroleum traps at depth immediately south and southeast of the DCNPP along the Hosgri and other fault traces, including ones in Santa Maria Basin. Geochemical signatures suggest that thermally-mature, organic-rich,

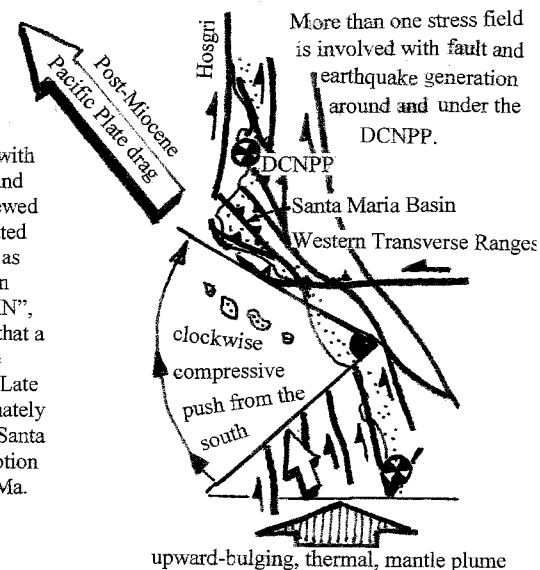


A sole fault runs under DCNPP at 10+km depths similar to other sole faults that have generated large quakes in other parts of the San Andreas System (e.g., Loma Prieta, San Fernando Valley).



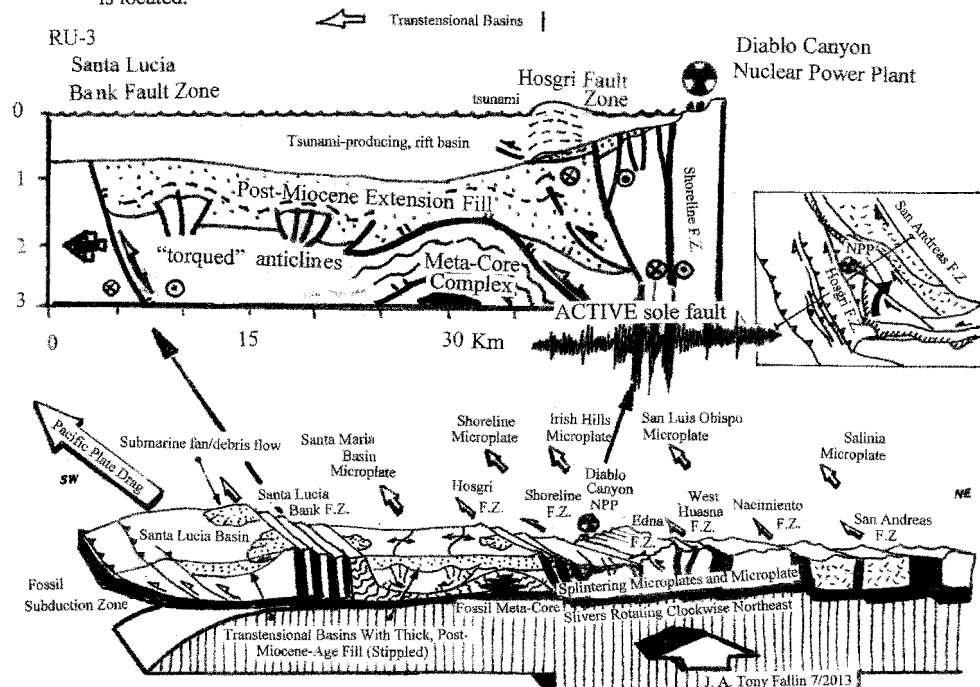
turbidites in the Monterey Formation "sourced" much of the 25° API, sulfurous oil and methane-dominated gas.

During the 1970s when I was working with FUGRO, International, Consulting Engineers and Geologists, Stanford's Ben Page and others viewed many of the oil-bearing anticlines, plus associated thrusts and reverse faults in Santa Maria Basin as compressional structures. This led to the region being labeled as "TRANSPRESSIVE TERRAIN", especially when paleo-magnetic data revealed that a number of microplates in the Western Transverse Ranges were rotated clockwise during Mid- to Late Miocene time (~12 to 4 Ma), giving form ultimately to compressed, linear, mountain ranges across Santa Maria Basin, while also initiating transform motion along an inchoate Hosgri Fault trace around 4 Ma.



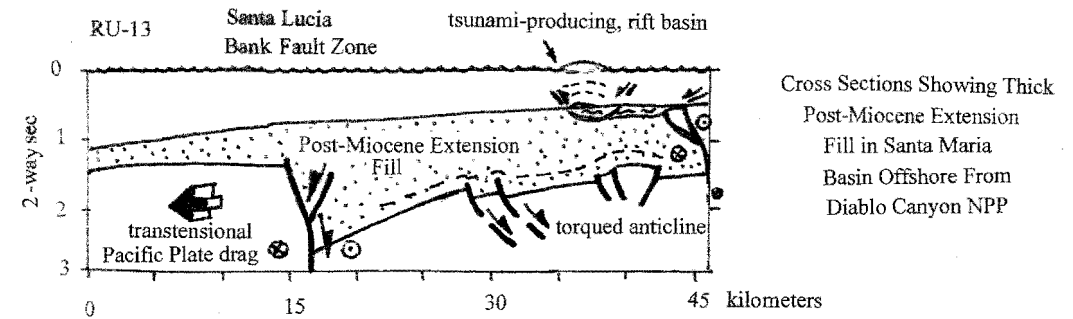
However, when I viewed proprietary seismic survey lines cutting across Santa Maria and Santa Lucia Basins just west of the Hosgri Transform, there was more evidence for a TRANSTENSIONAL than TRANSPRESSIONAL stress field still at work in Post-Miocene time. More specifically, the basins appeared to be rifting apart between transform faults in response to northwestward, Pacific Plate drag, with thick, Post-Miocene fill being torqued into long, sinuous anticlines over time by bounding, transform movements. Among other things, this suggests to me that more than one stress field is involved with fault and earthquake generation around and under the DCNPP.

For example, there is a compressive push from the south that is generating deep, sole fault quakes beneath the Western Transverse Ranges (e.g., San Fernando Valley) and probably under rotated microplates in Santa Maria Basin, plus the "Pt. Buchon" Peninsula. Then there is Pacific Plate drag to the northwest that is inducing transform motion along the Hosgri and other, offshore, fault traces in the Greater San Andreas System to be considered. In addition, isostatic rebound over an upward-bulging, thermal, mantle plume may explain periodic, jolting uplifts of the Irish Hills Microplate upon which the DCNPP is located.

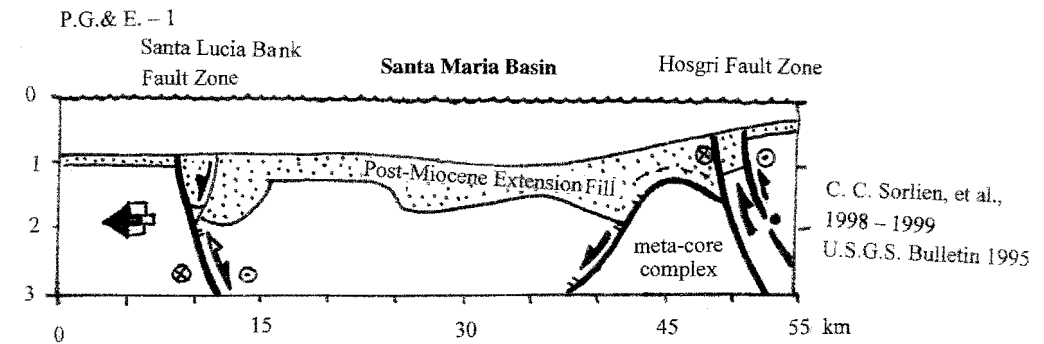


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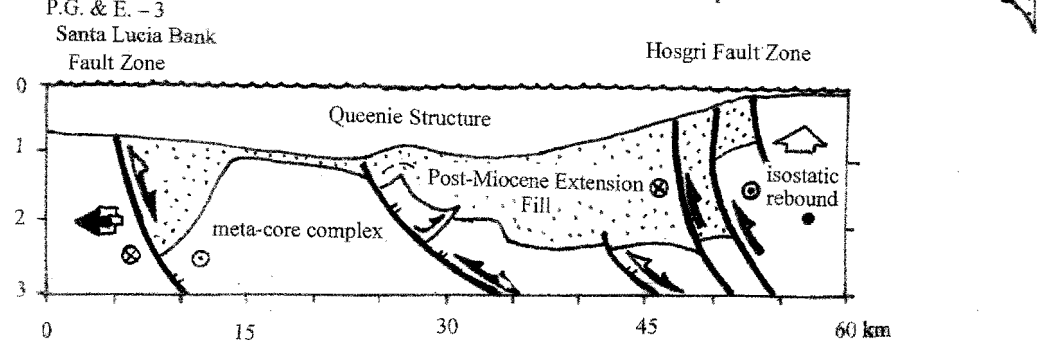
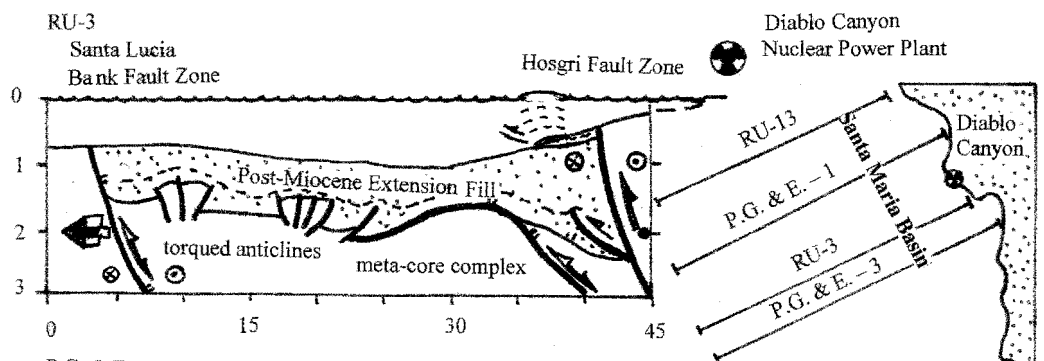
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Cross Sections Showing Thick Post-Miocene Extension Fill in Santa Maria Basin Offshore From Diablo Canyon NPP

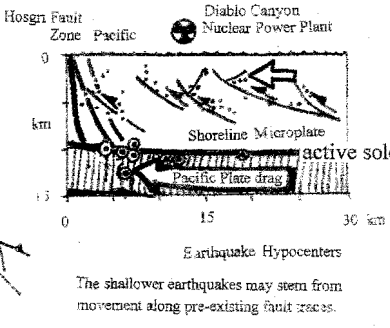
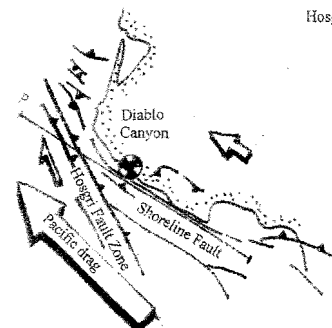
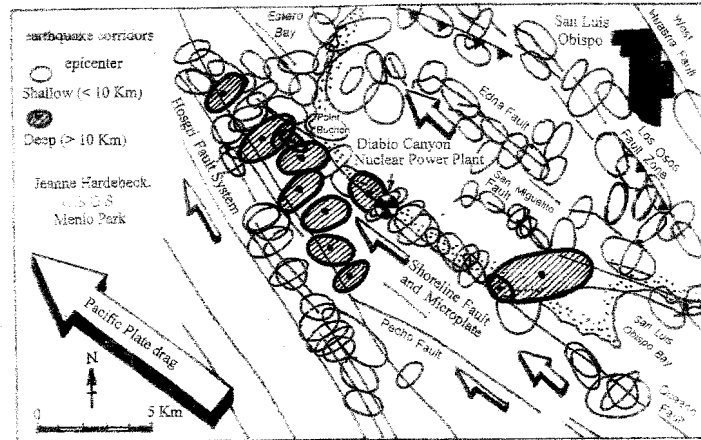


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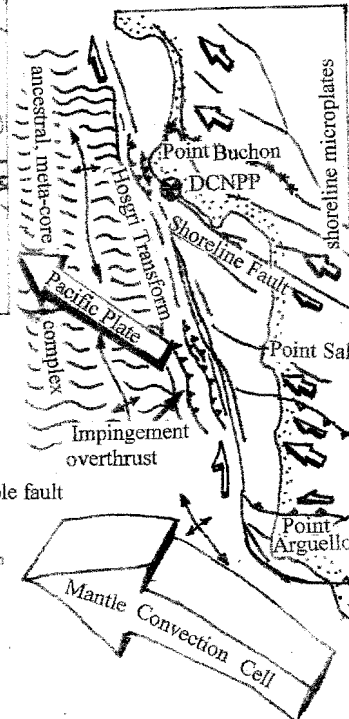


An upper mantle convection cell may also be driving shoreline microplates north-westward between Point Arguello and Point Buchon, pushing some of the deeper-rooted, landmass, crustal blocks even faster than the massive, offshore, Pacific Plate. Most assuredly, some of the landward microplates appear to be impinging on the Hosgri Fault System, defining seaward-arcing, thrust belts off Purisma Point, Point Sal and Point Buchon. On seismic profiles, the offshore, thrust belts override an ancestral, meta-core complex buttress similar to one that we discovered offshore San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant across the California borderlands in the 1970s. The meta-core complex formed most likely when the West Coast of North America began over-riding the East Pacific Rise, with northwest, convectonal stresses below the coastal microplates following.

But more on the significance of sole faults running below DCNPP and many other parts of the Greater San Andreas Fault System, especially ACTIVE sole faults that generate both small and large earthquakes as splintering microplates and microplate slivers shift about in an evolving, transform setting. To some of us, the excellent 2010 Hardebeck report "Seismotectonics and Fault Structure of the California Central coast" in

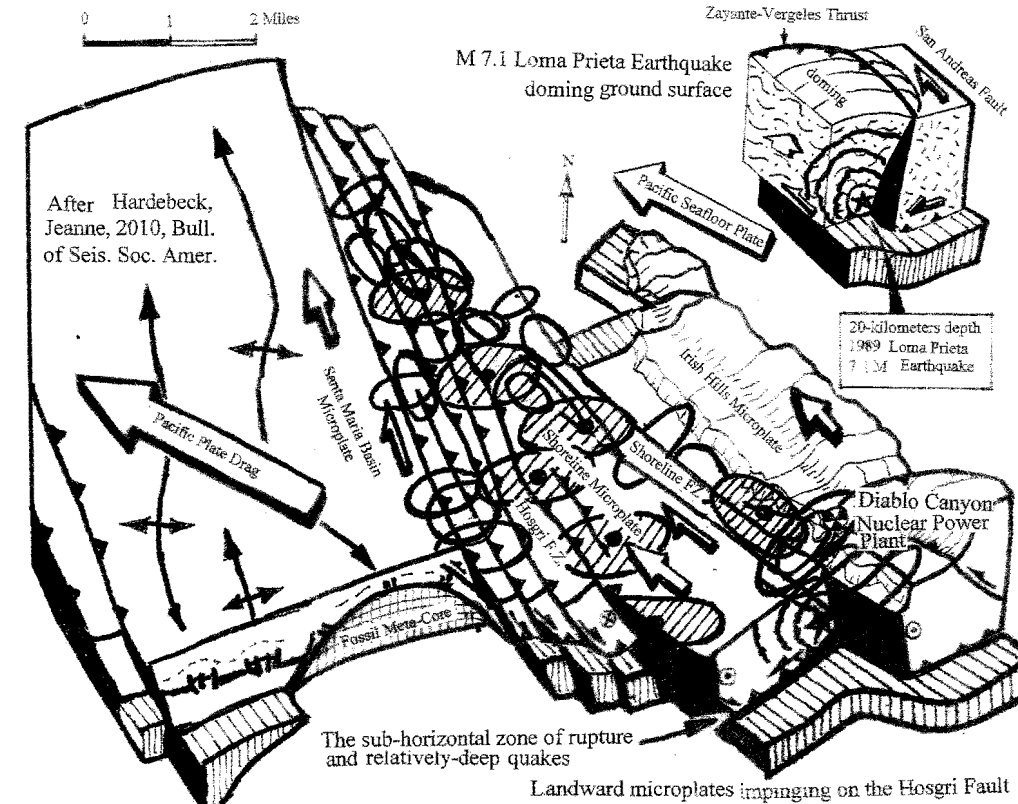


Microplates Impinging on the Hosgri Fault Trace Between Point Arguello and Point Buchon



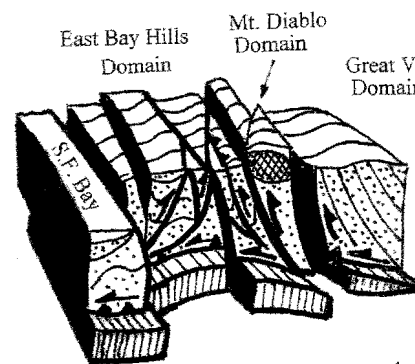
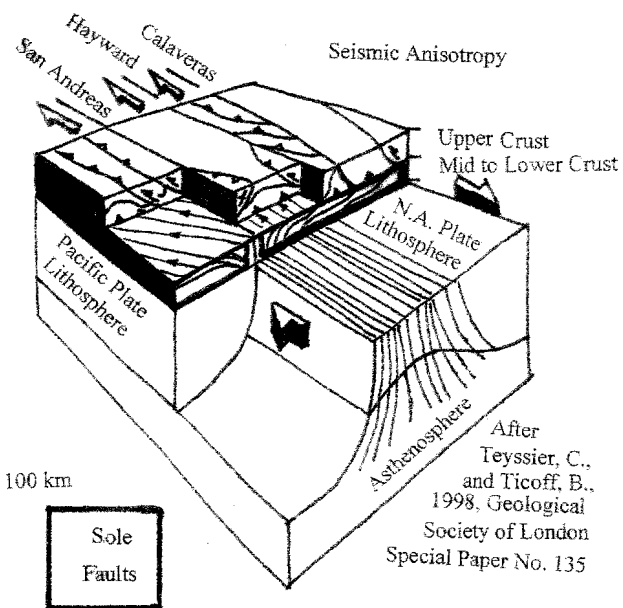
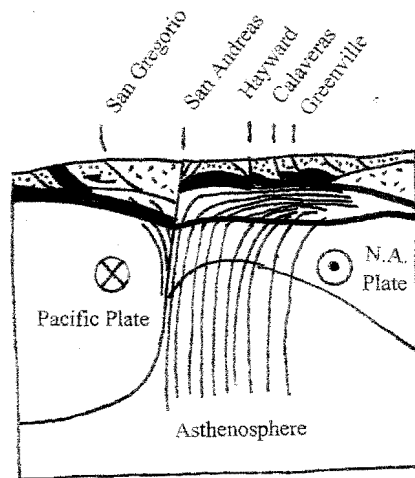
2010 "Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America" article entitled "Seismotectonics and Fault Structure of the California Central Coast"

"Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America" suggests that an active sole fault runs below DCNPP between 10- and 12-kilometer depths. The sub-horizontal zone of rupture and intermittent, jolting, stress releases is defined by a series of relatively-deep, earthquake foci that occurred between 1988 and 2008 along the Shoreline Fault trace. Combined with a cluster of shallower, M 0.8 to M 3.5 seismic events, the deeper quakes accounted for an average of more than two tremors per year along the Shoreline Fault, while leaving open the possibility of even larger, more destructive earthquakes to come.

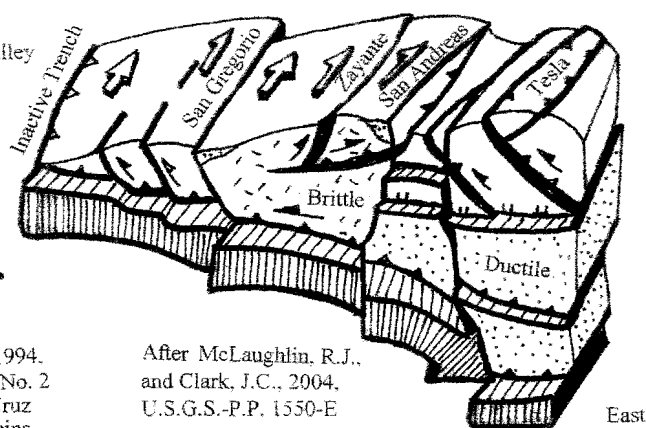


Such being the case, one must consider doming as well as fracturing of ground surface atop "sole fault" quakes in the DCNPP area. This is to say that even structurally-reinforced nuclear facilities might be tilted as well as fractured by sole fault shifts below them, cracking or partially draining used fuel rod cooling pools while also jamming reactors and initiating nuclear meltdowns. In 1989, the M 7.1 Loma Prieta Earthquake just south of the San Francisco Bay Area was generated at 20-kilometer depths over a sole fault, doming rather than fracturing ground surface, while also inducing numerous landslides and rippling Bay Area mud deposits like a bowl of Jello. Numerous, reinforced structures were tilted off their foundations as freeways overpasses collapsed like wet spaghetti and as broken gas main fires raged beside broken water lines.

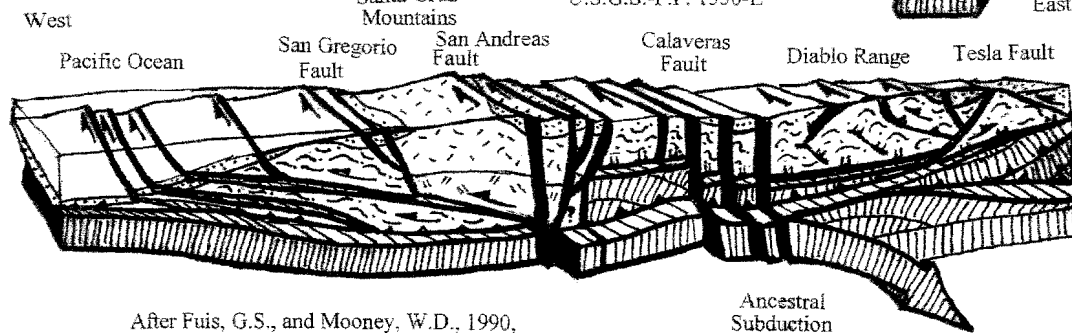
Selected Geotectonic Block Diagrams of the Greater San Andreas Transform Fault System in the San Francisco Bay Area



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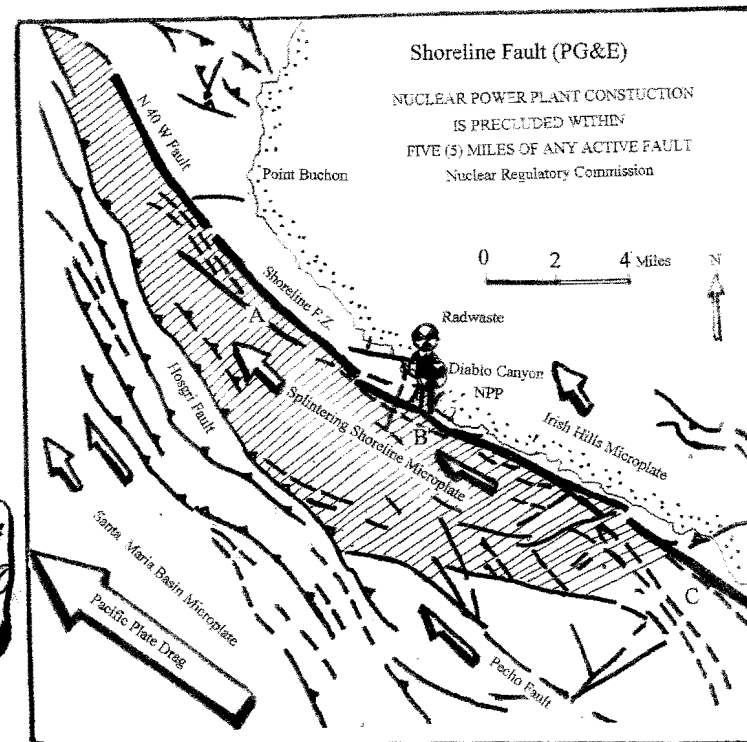
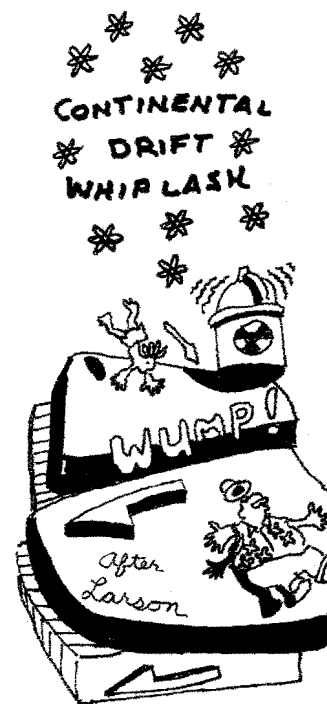
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Ancestral Subduction Zone

Perhaps unsurprisingly, PG&E makes little or no mention of a sole fault and associated earthquakes occurring below the DCNPP. Nor does the Utility offer any explanation about how pouring extra concrete over rebar to reinforce and make their nuclear facility able to withstand a M 7.5 seismic event will keep it from being tilted to non-operable angles during a sole fault quake. After all, PG&E has a 50 year history of mis-representing and down-playing faults, earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters, while also ignoring Nuclear Regulatory Commission criteria that preclude the construction of any nuclear plant within five miles of an active fault. Even when 60,000 people protested the construction of the DCNPP, the Utility had 2000 of the demonstrators arrested and charged with what they were doing, i.e., with civil disobedience, and endangering ALL!

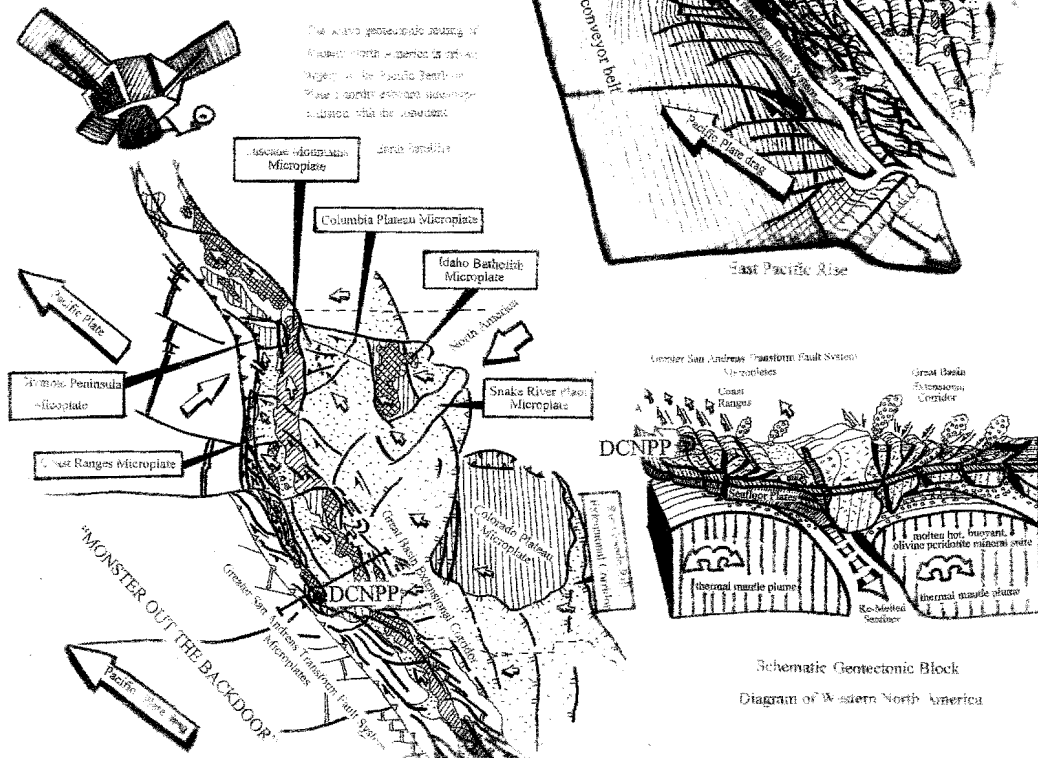
In PG&E's 2012 status report on the Shoreline Fault, the Utility describes the transform system as being actually three, out-stepping, seismically-active, right-lateral offsets that are less than 20-miles long combined. Then, after a rigorous evaluation with "logic trees", probability calculations and mind-numbing mathematics, the Utility concludes that the fault traces are no more than about M 6.5 "capable".

Others of us, using only logic, common sense and comparative analyses, view the Shoreline Fault a bit differently. To some of us, the Shoreline Fault is a series of three stressed, surface "rips" that may well be connected at depth and ready to tear apart with bounding "end" faults to the northwest (N 40 W Fault) and to the southeast (Oceano Fault), forming a 40- to 60-mile-long surface rupture. The fault is located in a stressed,

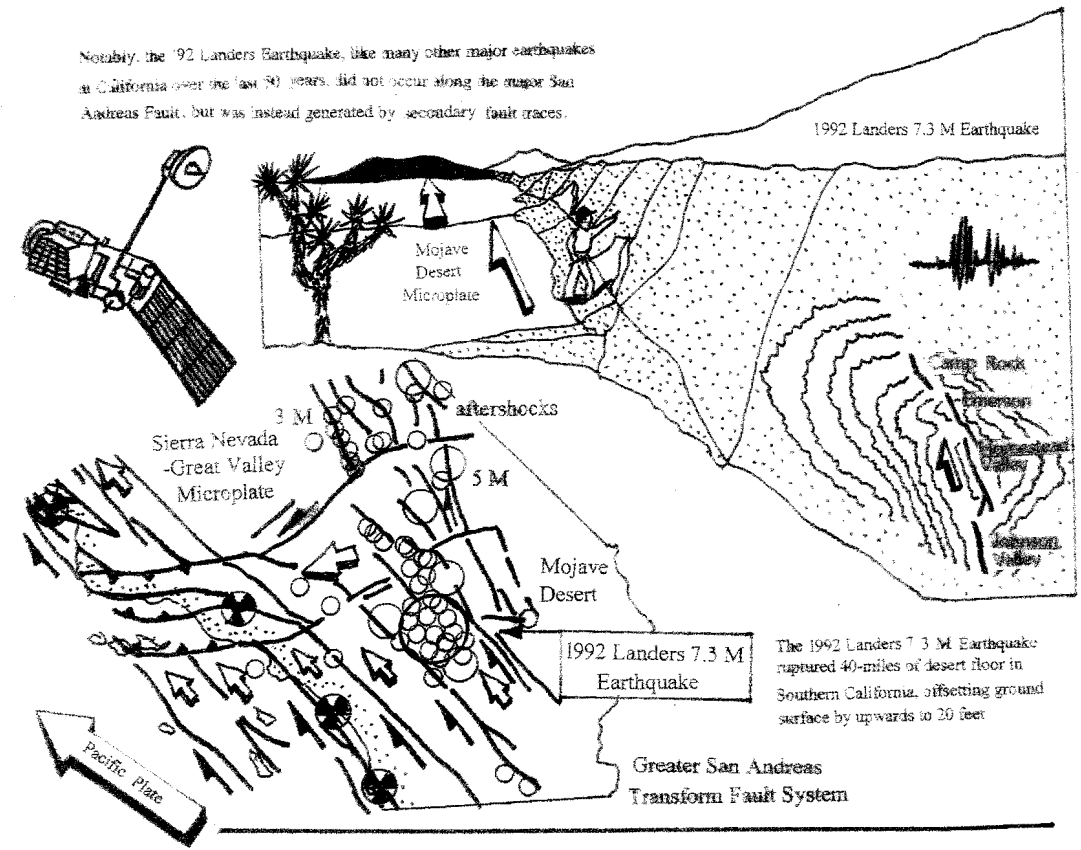


Tony Fallin's
Tectonic Map of North America

Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP) is located on the splintering margin of a rising microplate in a stressed, dog-leg section of an active fault system that stretches more than 1500 miles from the southern tip of Baja through California on both sides of the Sierra Nevada to southern Oregon and that is being driven by Pacific Plate drag to the northwest.



In essence, the western margin of the continent is being sheared off atop an uplifting and lubricating thermal mantle plume.

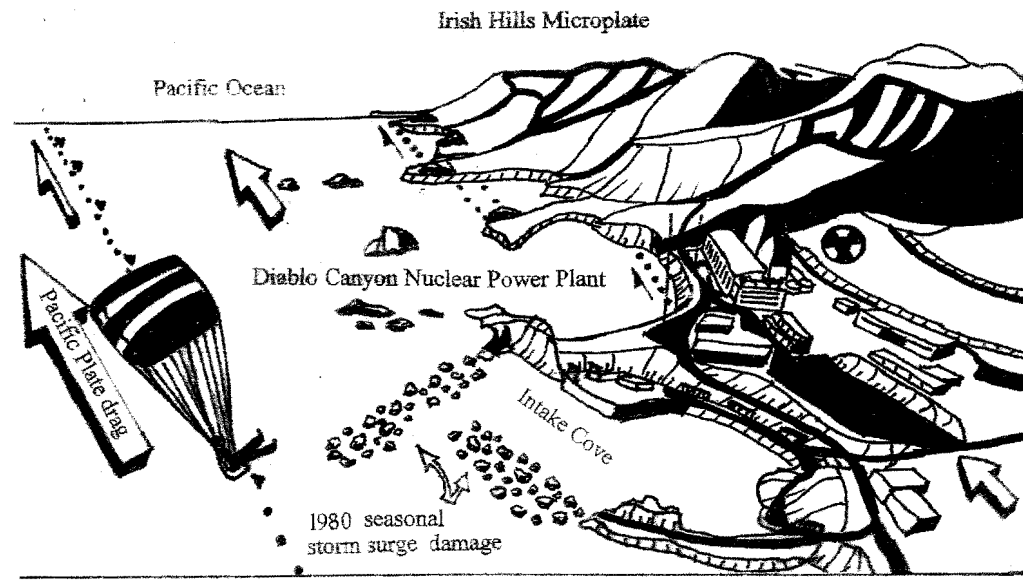


Notably, the '92 Landers Earthquake, like many other major earthquakes in California over the last 50 years, did not occur along the major San Andreas Fault, but was instead generated by secondary fault traces.

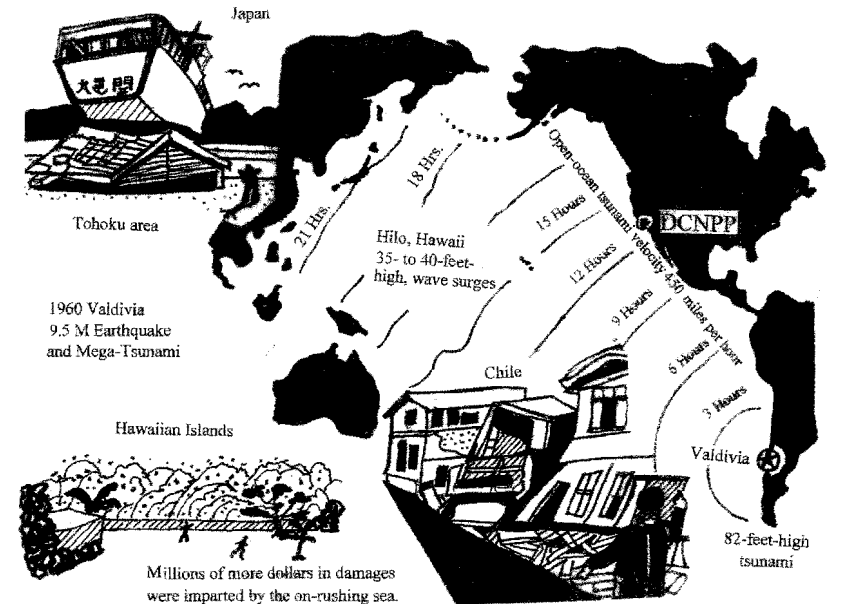
dog-leg section of the Greater San Andreas Transform System between splintering microplates (Irish Hills, Shoreline) that are undercut by a sub-horizontal, sole fault at 10- to 13-kilometer depths and that are being propelled to the northwest by an upper mantle, thermal-convection cell. As such, the fault reminds us of four, end-to-end fault splays that merged into one, 40-miles-long, transform, right-lateral rupture with up to 20 feet of vertical offset in SOCAL's Mojave Desert during the M 7.3 Landers Earthquake in 1992. Of course, if the Shoreline and its bounding neighbors move in conjunction or concomitantly with the Hosgri Fault less than five-miles west of the DCNPP – and with the underlying sole fault at a little over six-miles depth below the plant, one can expect an even larger seismic event, perhaps even exceeding M 8.0 magnitude. After all, Mother Nature can really "kick" sometimes and as Shel Silverstein once told his children, "Anything can happen, anything can BE!"

With regards to tsunami dangers, PG&E states that the DCNPP is safe sitting top an 85-foot, wave-cut terrace. Unmentioned are the vulnerability of nuclear plant's reactor cooling-water intake and outflow facilities at and below sea level, including jetties that have already required costly repair after being pounded by seasonal storm waves around Intake Cove. Historical tsunamis recorded around Diablo Canyon include one in the early 1900s during a quake near the southeast end of the Shoreline Fault that sent a wave

Exploration and Discovery of the Geotectonic Setting of Nuclear Sites

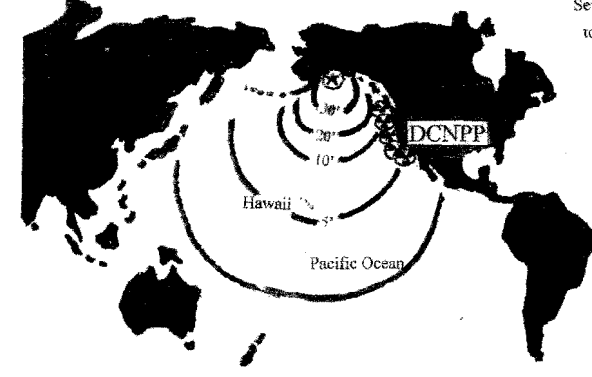


surge into San Luis Obispo Bay; one in 1960 following the M 9.5 Valdivia Earthquake in Chile; one in 1964 after the M 9.2 Prince Wm. Sound Earthquake in Alaska; one in 2010 that was generated by a M 8.8 temblor offshore Chile; and yet another 2011 following the M 9.2 Tohoku Earthquake that destroyed the Fukushima NPP in Japan. None of the tsunami surges were over six-feet high around the DCNPP and damages were limited mostly to boats, piers and offshore navigation buoys.

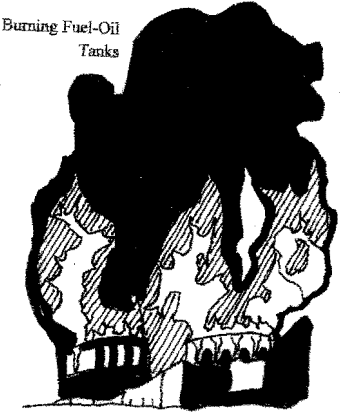
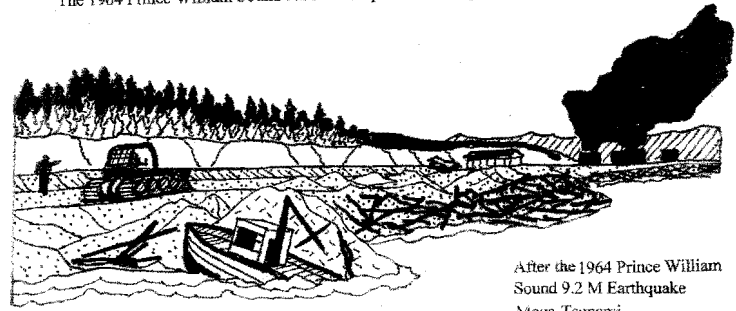
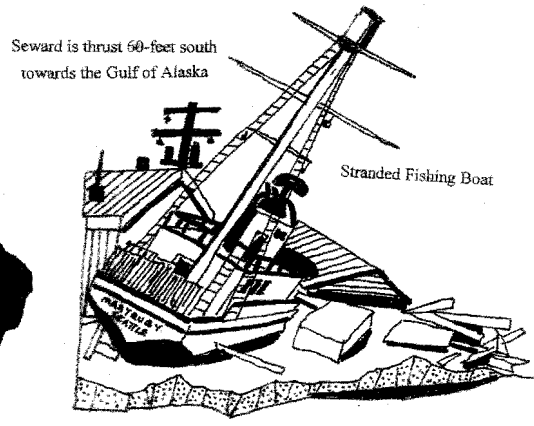


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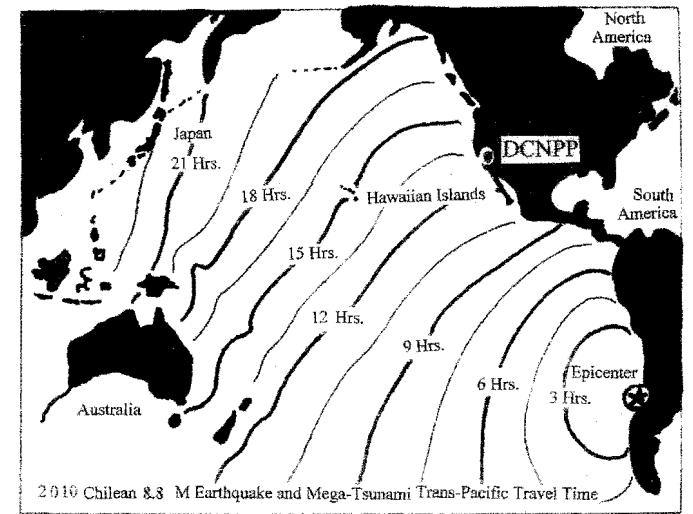
M 9.2 Prince Wm. Sound Earthquake



The 1964 Prince William Sound 9.2 M Earthquake and Mega-Tsunami



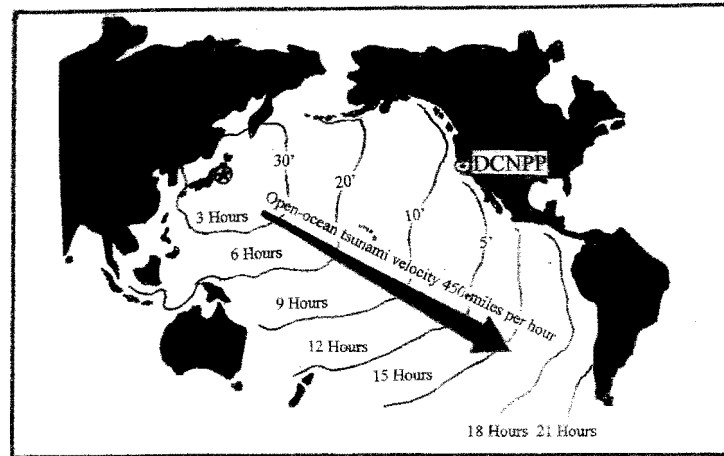
In total, the 1964 Prince William Sound Earthquake and Mega-Tsunami imparted more than \$100 million dollars in damages to Pacific bays and ports across the Western U.S., while almost breaching a new, nuclear power plant at Humboldt Bay, California, too. The nuclear power plant's foundation had been placed near water's edge at Humboldt Bay.



2010 Chilean 8.3 M Earthquake and Mega-Tsunami Trans-Pacific Travel Time

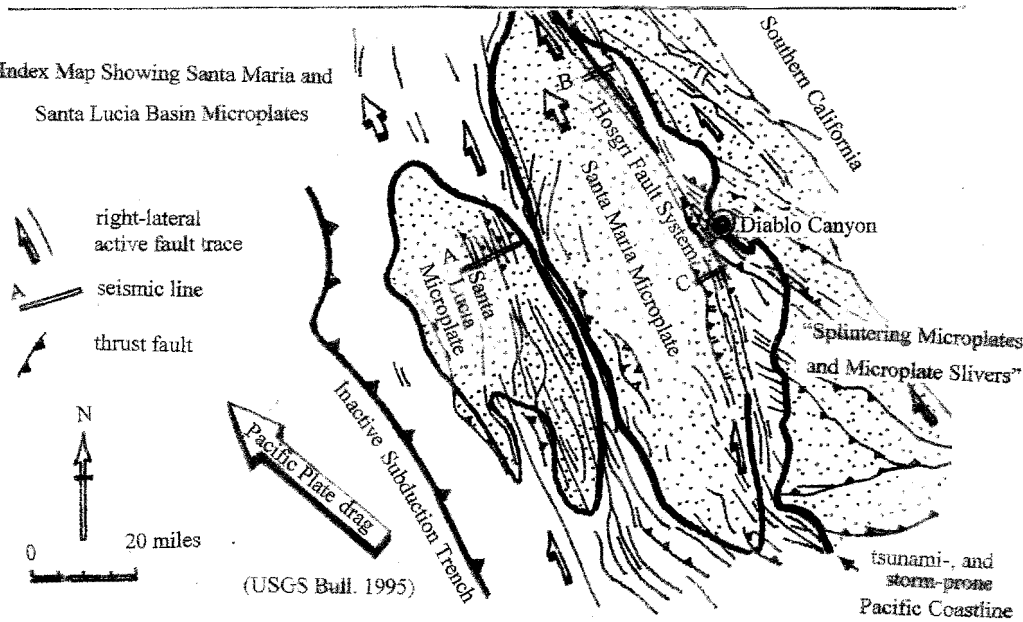
2010 M 8.8 temblor offshore Chile

Millions of more dollars in damages were imparted by the on-rushing sea.

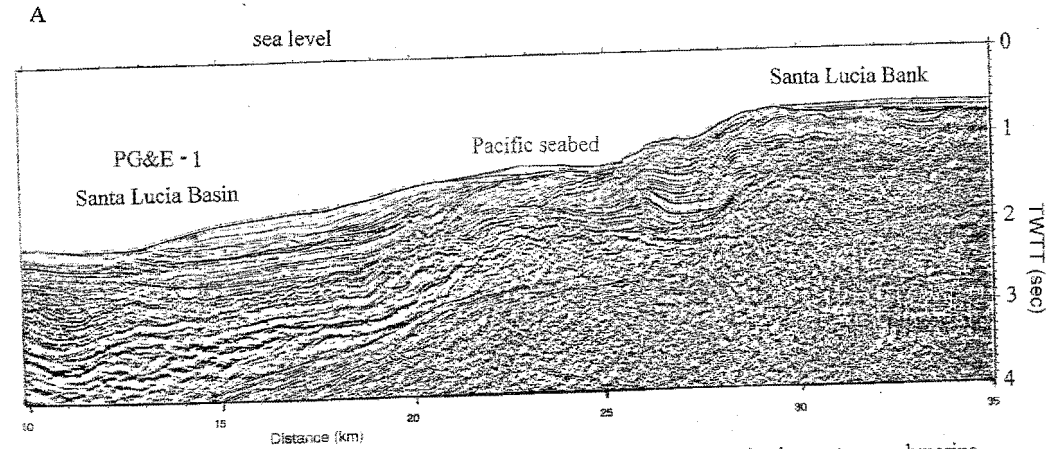


Naturally, any active fault in the region is capable of generating tsunamis, be it by initiating submarine slides and debris flows in offshore basins or by vertical as well as horizontal components of transform motion. Offshore seismic lines suggest that Santa Lucia Basin has the most potential for generating the largest "local" tsunamis.

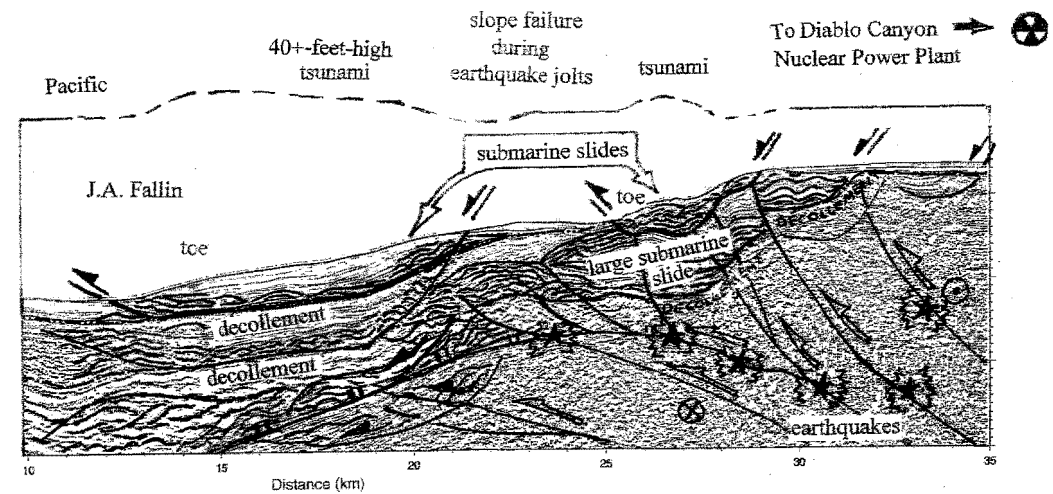
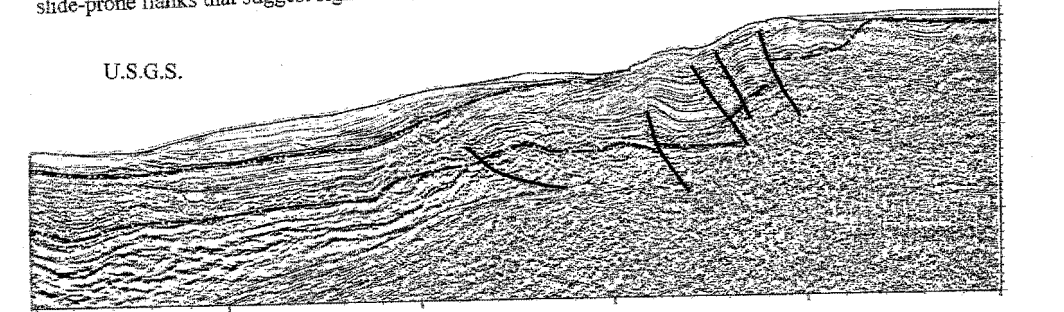
Index Map Showing Santa Maria and Santa Lucia Basin Microplates

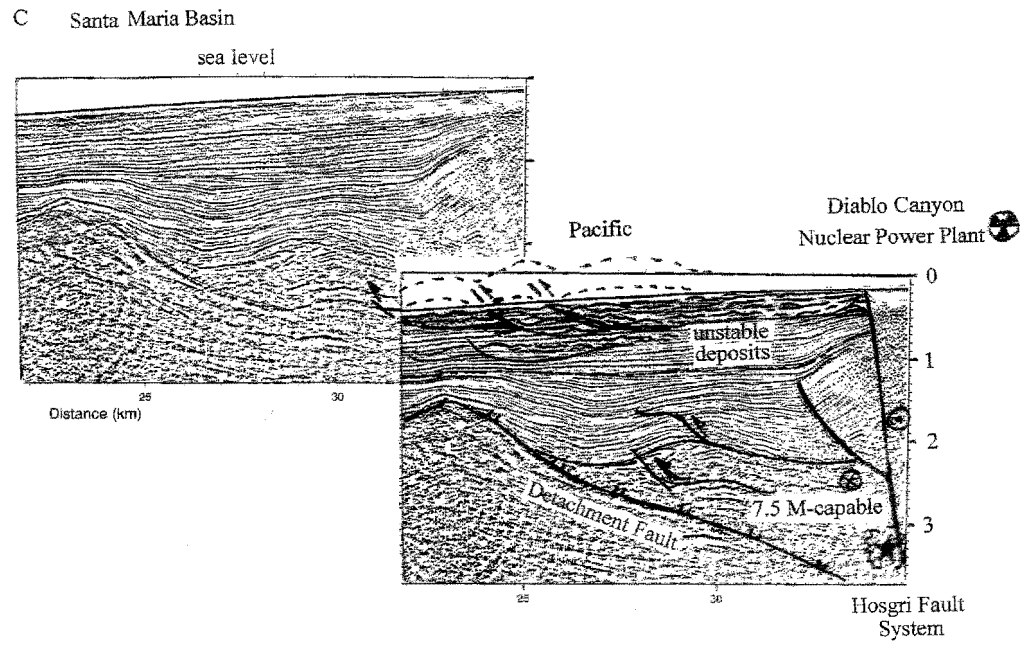
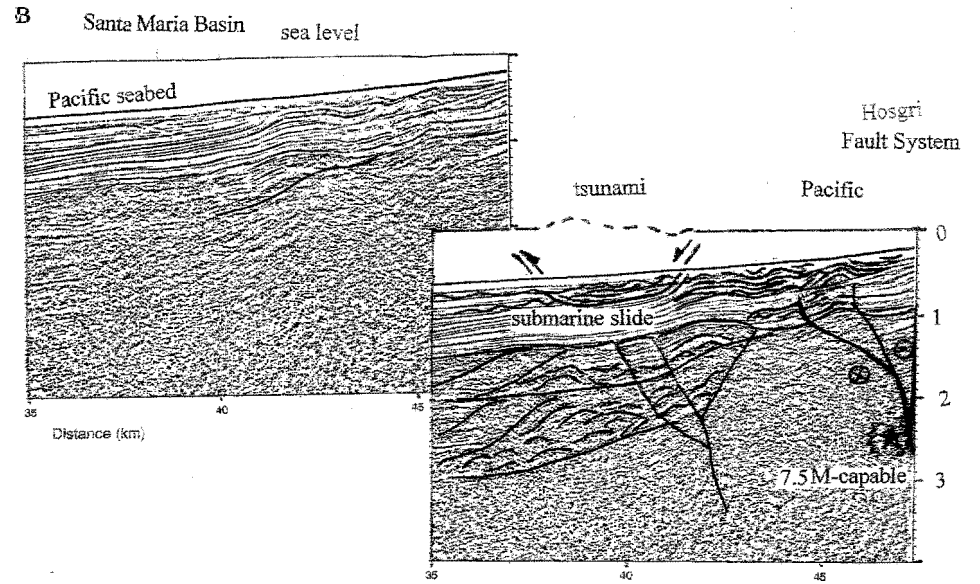


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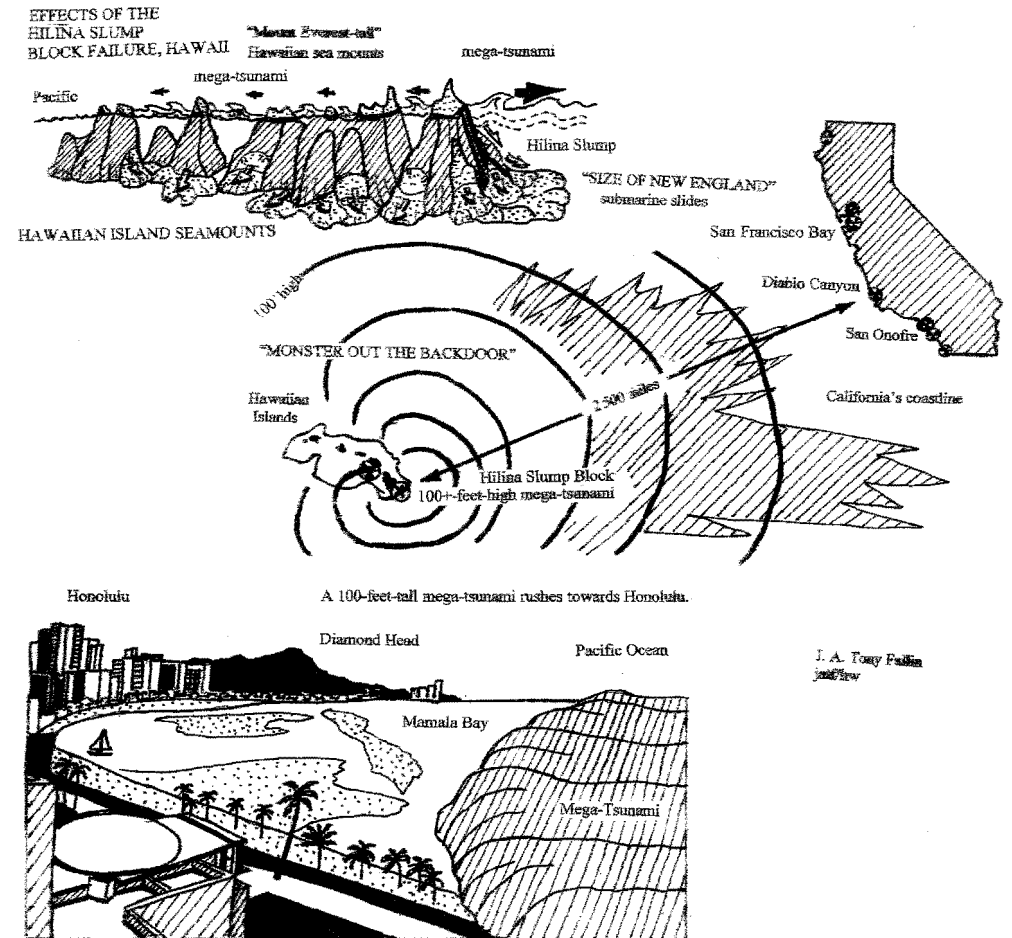
Offshore seismic surveys show that both the Santa Maria and Santa Lucia Basins have steep, submarine-slide-prone flanks that suggest significant, associated, tsunami-generating potential.

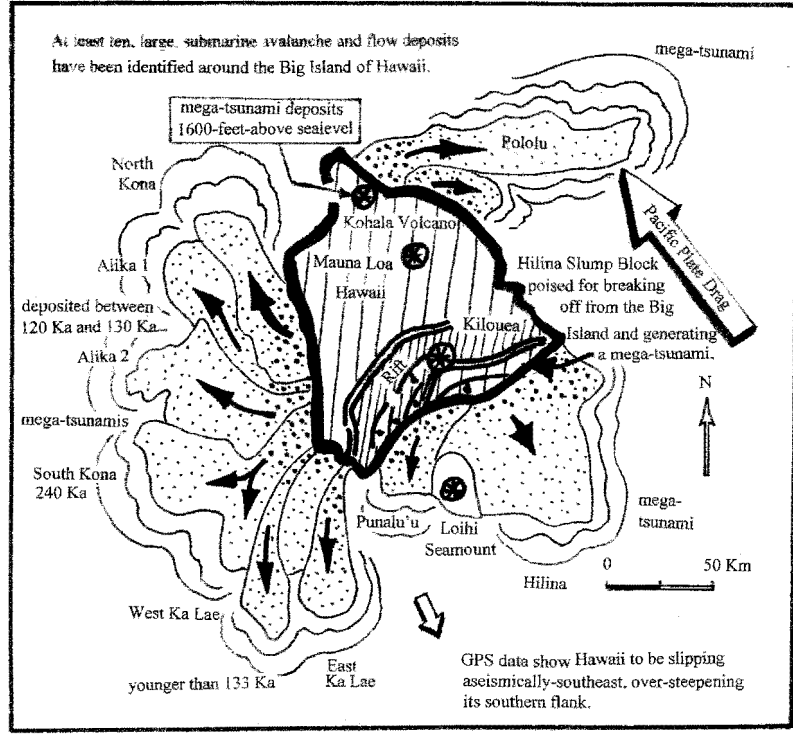




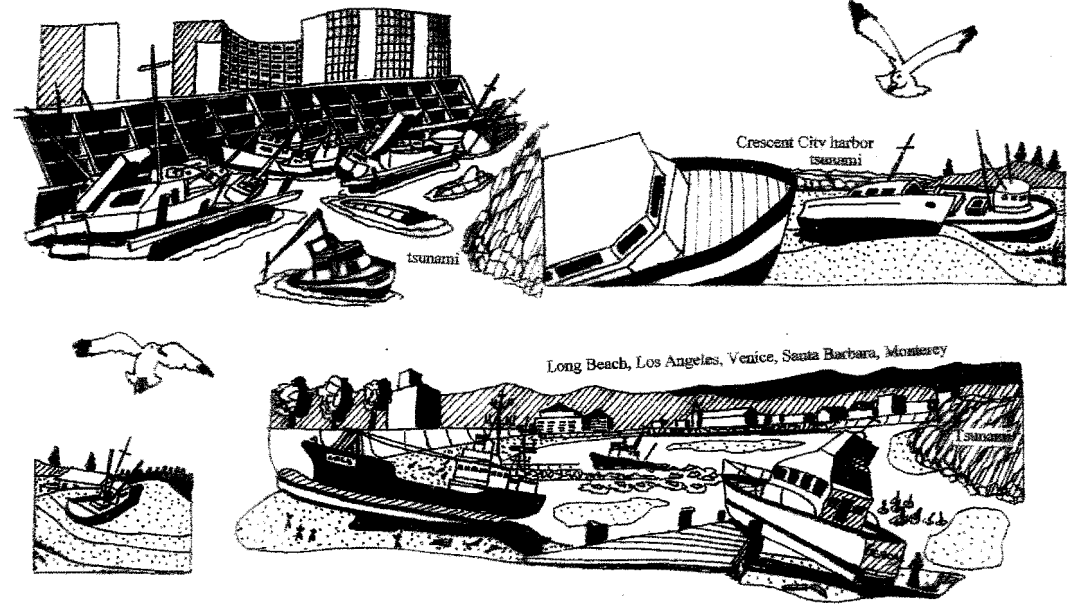
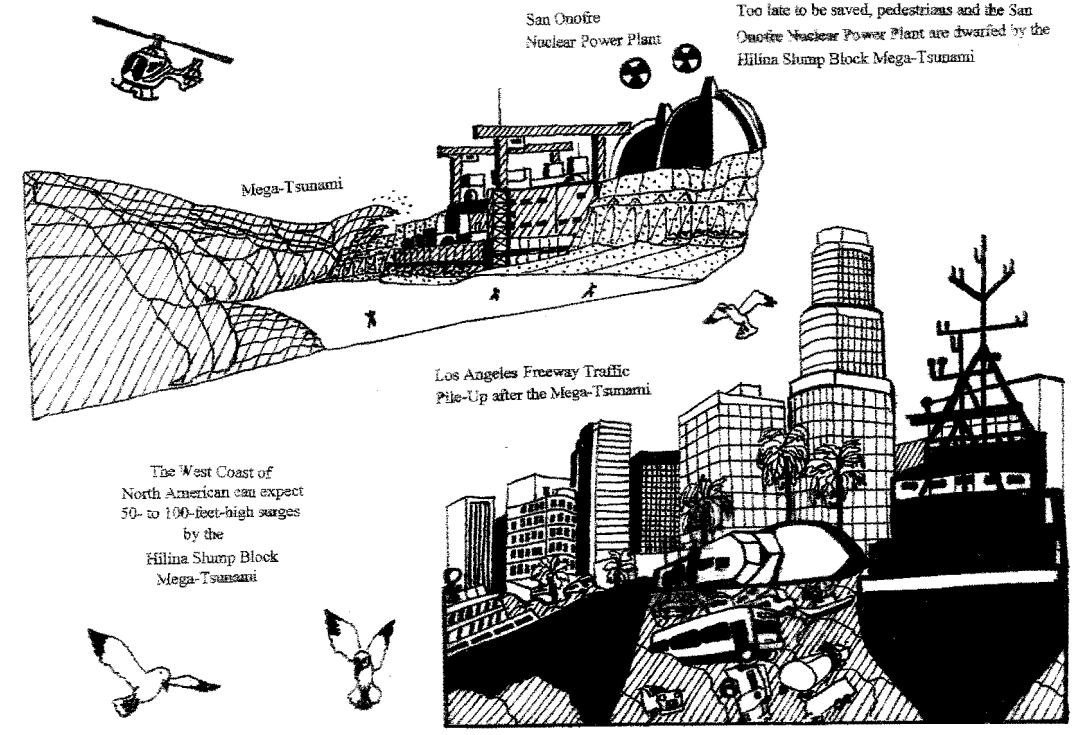
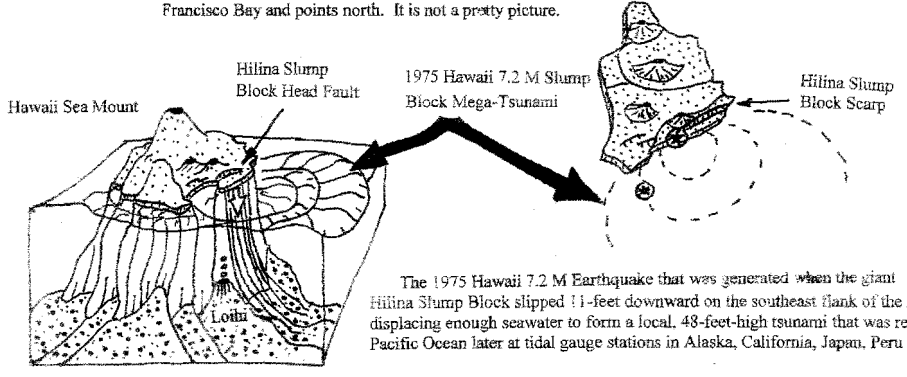
especially by large debris flows off Santa Lucia Bank. Smaller submarine slides in Santa Maria Basin are also documented on seismic lines along the Hosgri Fault System trace opposite Point Buchon.

More ominous are the mega-tsunami generation potential in the Hawai'ian Islands and along Cascadia Trench in the Pacific Northwest. Field surveys and computer models suggest that the Hilina Slump Block is dangerously close to breaking off the flank of the big island of Hawai'i, especially with an active volcano generating M 5 earthquakes at its base and the island's plate tectonic motion tilting the block seaward to the southeast. When the block does slump or break free, it has been calculated that it has the potential to generate a tsunami well over 100-feet high. Not only will such a surge destroy Honolulu completely at near-sealevel elevations, but it will also shoal catastrophically to 80- or even 100-foot heights along the West Coast of California by many estimates.



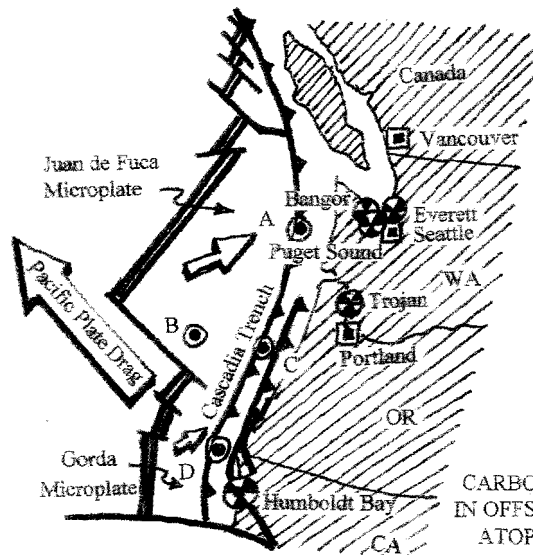


Computer simulations show that the 10,000-cubic-kilometers Hilina Slump Block will most likely generate at least a 100+-foot-high mega-tsunami if it does break off and slide down the over-steepened flank of the Big Island, displacing enormous surges of seawater towards both North and South American coastlines. On the Islands themselves, it will be "Goodbye" to Honolulu within 30 minutes as the giant surges enter Mamala Bay and wash up to 16 miles inland via Pearl Harbor and other Oahu inlets, killing hundreds of thousands of people. Similarly, the West Coast of North American can expect 50- to 100-foot-high surges by the mega-tsunami that will not only destroy ocean-front nuclear facilities like ones at Trident Submarine Base Point Loma, San Onofre and Diablo Canyon, but that will also swamp whole cities, including San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Venice, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco Bay and points north. It is not a pretty picture.

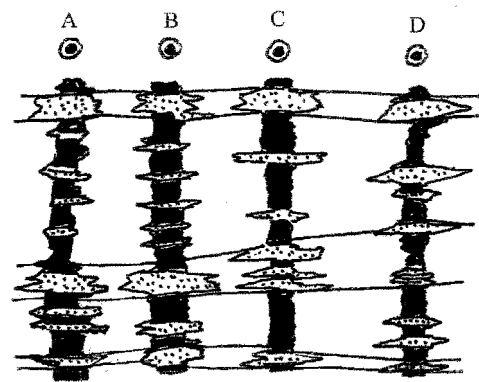


Similarly, Pacific Plate subduction and associated over-thrusting in Cascadia Trench off Oregon and Washington are overdue to generate another "Fukushima-type" mega-tsunami that would easily be more than 99-feet high by researchers' current predictions. Such a surge will impart catastrophic damage not only along the West Coast of North America but in Japan and other parts of Asia as well. Of course, PG&E makes little, if any, mention of such scenarios. It just isn't good for business! And besides, it makes Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant look like the clear and present danger that it is to ALL, PG&E included!

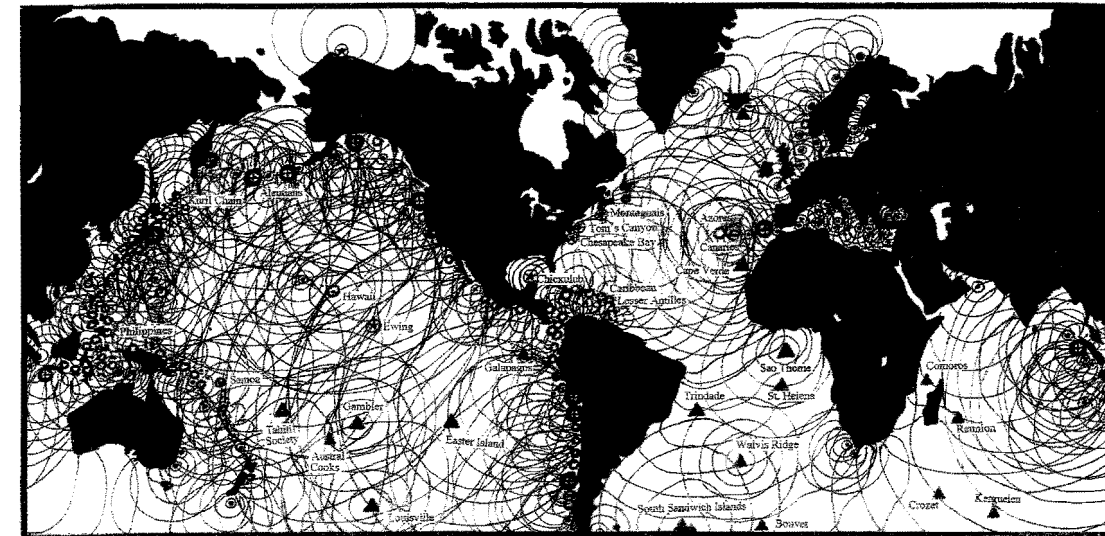
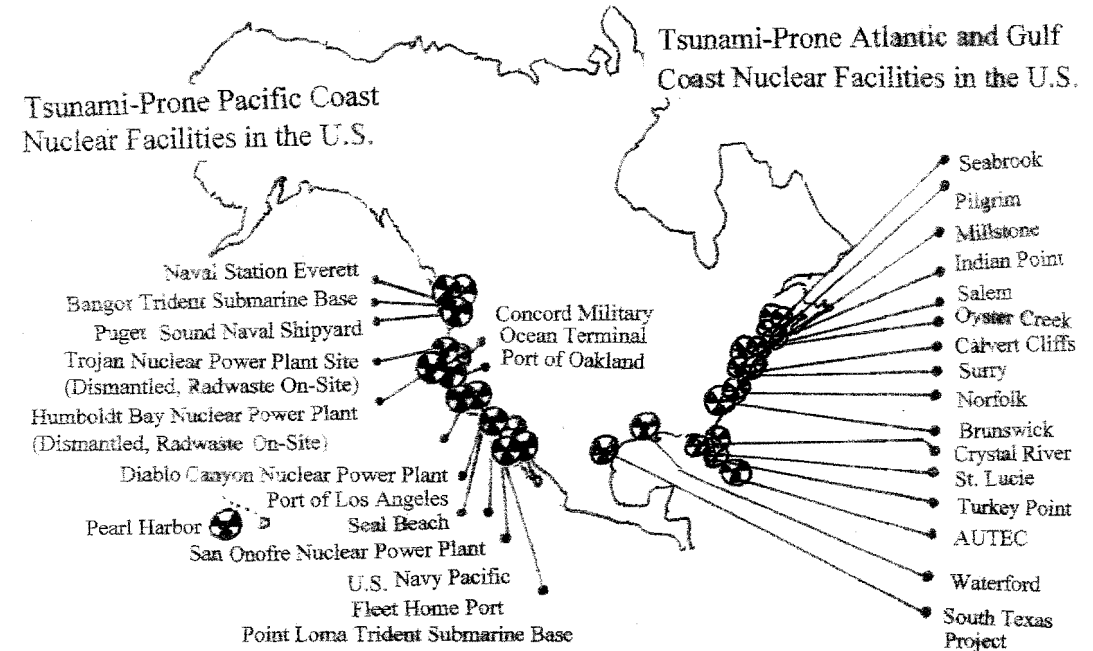
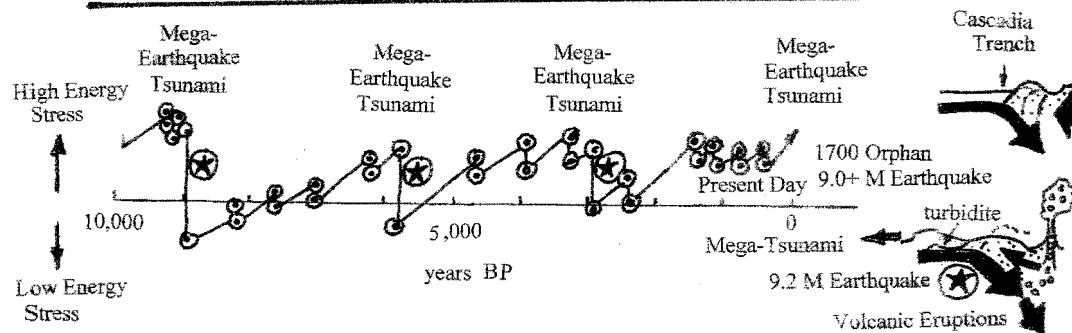
BUILDING UP STRESS FOR AN OVERDUE MEGA-EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI ATOP CASCADIA SUBDUCTION TRENCH IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



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CARBON-14 AGE-DATING OF MEGA-TURBIDITE SEQUENCES IN OFFSHORE CORES CHRONICLE PAST MEGA-EARTHQUAKES ATOP CASCADIA TRENCH IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

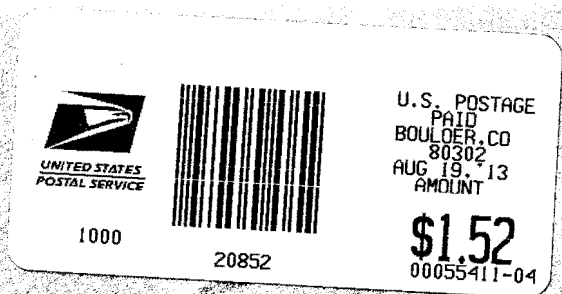


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Map showing the location of selected tsunamis and tsunami-generation points worldwide, 1900 - 2012

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This packet addresses a Post-Fukushima report by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) on the tectonically-active, Shoreline Fault Zone that is located beside the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP) in Southern California. The report is currently under review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel in Rockville, Maryland, and is believed to have over-looked important aspects of the nuclear facility's geotectonic and physiographic setting *vis a vis* the earthquake-generation potential of a major sole fault that runs under the plant at 10 km depth and the catastrophic dangers of mega-tsunamis hitting the West Coast after being generated by the Hilina Slump Block's failure in Hawai'i or overthrusting in the Pacific Northwest's Cascadia Trench. The information included in this packet is not intended to be the final word on anything but is simply a warning that other things may yet need to be considered about DCNPP's geotectonic and physiographic setting.