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General Comment

I live 10 miles downwind from Diablo Canyon NPP, on the central coast of California, a place that is very seismically active. It is an area of steep hills and ridges, most of which are much steeper than the angle of repose. It is obvious that these hills have been pushed up recently and dramatically and that it is a dynamic landscape. Despite the assurance from PG&E that "it can't happen here" (it referring to the Fukushima disaster) I believe that it could happen here -- Mother Earth is unpredictable. And Diablo Canyon is a disaster waiting to happen. DCNPP is vulnerable not only to earthquakes, but also to extreme storms, tsunamis and terrorist attacks.

If --or when -- an emission accident occurs at DCNPP, I will be forced to leave my home, perhaps forever. I would lose my possessions, my life saving (tied up in my home), my garden where I grow most of my food and my community. There would be no recourse for me or for any of my neighbors, since this would be an uninsured disaster. Tens of thousands of people would be affected, along with our prime farmland, scenic coastline and wide ocean. This is a beautiful part of the world but it could be lost to humankind forever.

There are two things I am asking you to do.

First, require that all spent fuel rods held in pools be put into dry cask storage as soon as is safely possible. As we learned from Fukushima, pool storage, especially the overcrowded pool storage we have at DCNPP (5x over the design), is one of the most unsafe situations we can have. I am asking you to make it as safe as possible.

Second, do not re-license DCNPP, in fact, revoke its current operating license. There is no viable plan for removal of radioactive waste from the site. Yet, it cannot be stored safely and indefinitely because of the instability of the ground it sits on. It is folly and arrogance to continue to build up waste when it cannot be safely stored and it cannot be safely removed. This makes no sense and should be stopped as quickly as possible.

New solar farms in San Luis Obispo county are currently providing power equivalent to 1/4 of DCNPP's peak output. DCNPP can be replaced with safer alternatives.

Thank you.