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MEMORANDUM TO FILE:

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

FORM COMMENTS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR
COMMENTS ON PR 51 WASTE CONFIDENCE – CONTINUED STORAGE OF
SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL (78FR56775) AND DRAFT GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (78FR56621)

Attached are representative samples of two form letters, designated as Form Letter A and Form Letter B, submitted in response to the subject Federal Register Notices. A total of 19 of the two form letters were received, all of which reference “PG&E” in the body of the letter. Also attached is a list of persons who submitted identical letters, including an indication of which letter each individual submitted.

Attachments: As stated

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December 9, 2013

Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Dear Commission:

I am writing in full support of the NRC's Spent Fuel Storage Rule, and wish to say that with NRC oversight PG&E has a very detailed and successful spent fuel management program and continues to safely store fuel via both its wet and dry cask storage systems. I am confident that layer upon layer of safeguards are in place to effectively manage and monitor the stored spent fuel. However, the Department of Energy has a responsibility to make good on its commitment to receive and safely store the spent fuel for the long term. By doing so, locally stored spent fuel could be safely removed to a single or regional locations controlled by and protected by our national government.

I base my support on the following observations:

- PG&E has a very detailed and regulated spent fuel management program in place to safely store the fuel until such time as the federal government acts on its responsibility to take ownership and remove the spent fuel to a repository or allows for it to be recycled and reused.
- The Department of Energy has a responsibility to make good on its commitment to receive the spent fuel. Because it has neglected that responsibility, PG&E is supportive of the establishment of the President's Blue Ribbon Commission and its recommendations to advance a workable storage solution.
- The wet storage pools, where the solid (not liquid) spent fuel is immediately housed after being removed from the reactors, were built with seismic safety in mind and are constructed out of steel-reinforced concrete built into bedrock, with steel liners serving as an added safety barrier. They are an integral part of the storage process, giving the used fuel an opportunity to cool from its reactor temperature to a more modest temperature before being transported to dry cask storage.
- When the spent fuel assemblies are ready to be moved from wet storage, they are taken to a seismically reinforced dry cask storage facility located on-site. Here the assemblies are stored in a secure, protected area until they can be transferred to a federal government location or to a recycler for reprocessing and ultimate reuse as a fuel source (a process that is currently not being utilized in the United States).
- These two on-site interim storage methods are part of a safe, effective, and regulated system that follows industry best-standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Green

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Secretary
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Dear Commission:

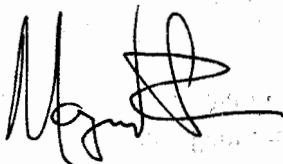
I am writing to support the NRC's Spent Fuel Storage Rule. In my view, with NRC oversight, PG&E has a very detailed and successful spent fuel management program for its Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant (Diablo). PG&E continues to safely store fuel via both its wet and dry cask storage systems.

Without the federal government providing a permanent geologic storage facility, as required by law, PG&E has designed and implemented an interim, on-site system for the interim storage of the spent fuel assemblies. After removal from the reactors, the used fuel is placed in storage pools to cool for approximately five (5) years. After sufficient cooling, the used fuel assemblies are placed in sealed, Helium-filled canister and set inside a 20 foot tall, concrete-filled, steel storage cask. The storage casks are stored in a secure protected area proximate to the plant. Unlike other nuclear plants, the casks in the storage area are bolted to a seven and-a-half-foot thick steel-reinforced concrete pad to ensure it is seismically stable. This system has proved safe and effective. There is no reason to believe that this interim storage system would not remain viable after the Diablo plant's licensing period.

I am confident that layer upon layer of safeguards are in place to effectively manage and monitor the stored spent fuel. However, the Department of Energy has a responsibility to make good on its commitment to receive and safely store the spent fuel for the long term. By doing so, locally stored spent fuel could be safely removed to a single or regional locations controlled by and protected by our national government.

I thank you for your oversight and consideration.

Sincerely,



Maynard Silva

PR-51 Waste Confidence - PG&E Form Letters

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