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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in regard to re-licensing Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.


As a longtime resident of Avila Beach, I am familiar with "outages" at Diablo, in which extra workers come in to do maintenance and repair. The plant itself, from a neighbor's perspective, appears to be safe and well monitored.

However, my concerns are about the waste. Consider a property owner who builds a beautiful house on the coast. He neglects to put in a bathroom. The neighbors complain and he builds an outhouse and assures the neighbors, the health department, the mortgage company, that the waste will be stored in drums, temporarily, until hauled away. While it's a silly example, it illustrates the fact that even human waste which will eventually break down, must be safely disposed of and would not be allowed to accumulate.

Not only is the most toxic substance, Plutonium stored in our neighborhood, but 30,000 pounds of it sits in thin stainless steel spent fuel containers in an area of 13 earthquake faults. These containers are not designed for over 20 year storage. There's no aging management designed into these thin canisters. Neither can they be inspected for cracks. It's clear that the plant must be shut down. The longer it runs, the more highly radioactive waste it generates.

It is your responsibility to deny re-licensing for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

Sincerely,  
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