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General Comment

I advocate for continuing the process of extending the operating license for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant by preparing the environmental impact statement. There are two main reasons that I advocate for this:

1. I am unwilling to accept even one tiny bit of increased pollution to the environment. Diablo Canyon is safely generating pollution free electricity 24/7. If this plant is shutdown, our green house gas emissions will increase due to the gas fired plants that will have to run to supplant the power that Diablo Canyon currently produces.
2. I enjoy the economic vitality that Diablo Canyon provides to my county and my town. Without this station generating electricity, thousands of head-of-household jobs will disappear along with the extended economic benefit to the county from those jobs.

Many new technologies need to become economically viable in order to be able to match our California renewables and distributed solar with pollution free power. This is going to require new generation of nuclear (such as small modular reactors) and better batteries for solar and wind generation. We need a carbon-free grid that works with distributed solar generation too. However, innovations in technology that would be able to make this a reality are decades away. Until then, we need to extend the Diablo Canyon license because it is the only way we can continue to enjoy electricity 24/7 under our current carbon footprint.

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