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July 8, 2016

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**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT TOWN HALL MEETING AND PUBLIC
OUTREACH REGARDING DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT 2015
PERFORMANCE**

Dear Mr. Halpin:

This refers to the Annual Assessment Town Hall meeting conducted at the Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo, California on the evening of June 22, 2016, between the NRC and members of the public to discuss performance of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) for 2015. Approximately 50 members of the public attended and participated in this meeting. In that the NRC conducted this year's meeting as a Public Town Hall, Pacific Gas and Electric, (PG&E) was not requested to present at this meeting.

During the meeting, NRC participants discussed our assessment of PG&E's performance at DCPP during calendar year 2015. The NRC staff provided an overview of our inspection activities, findings, and overall performance assessment for the station. The NRC Staff also provided an updated status for the public as to NRC's and Diablo Canyon's actions to date in response to the Mitigating Strategies and Spent Fuel Instrumentation Orders, and the March 2012 10 CFR 50.54(f) Requests for Information relative to seismic and flooding re-evaluations. A copy of the NRC presentation from the meeting is included as Enclosure 1 to this letter.

Additionally, during the Town Hall Meeting, the NRC acknowledged the recent public announcement involving PG&E's intent to retire DCPP at the end of the current operating licenses. The NRC staff informed the meeting attendees that PG&E sent a letter to the NRC (ADAMS Accession No. ML16173A454) requesting that the NRC suspend our review of the DCPP license renewal application, pending approval of a Joint Proposal by the California Public Utilities Commission, at which time PG&E intends to formally withdraw the license renewal application. Further NRC correspondence regarding our receipt of the request and any requests for follow-up information will be submitted to PG&E on the docket at a later date.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeremy R. Groom, Chief
Project Branch A
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos.: 50-275, 50-323
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NRC Presentation

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Letter to Mr. Edward D. Halpin from Jeremy R. Groom dated July 8, 2016

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Diablo Canyon Power Plant Annual Assessment & Public Town Hall Meeting

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region IV
San Luis Obispo, CA
June 22, 2016**

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Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Plant Performance Results for 2015 and 2016, to date**
- **Open Q&A Session**

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NRC Representatives

- **Ryan Lantz**
 - Deputy Director, Div. of Reactor Projects, Region IV
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 - Branch Chief, Division of Reactor Projects
- **John Reynoso**
 - Acting Senior Resident Inspector
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Diablo Canyon Inspection Activities

January 1 - December 31, 2015

- **Completed approximately 5,300 hours of inspection, oversight, and assessment activities**
- **Resident Inspectors onsite daily**
- **Regional Specialist Inspections**

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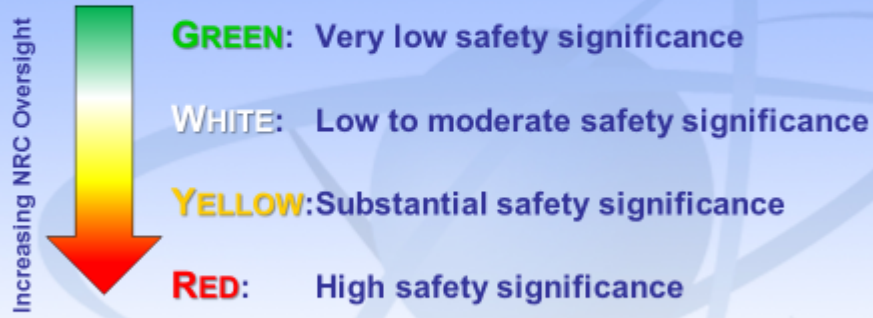
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Significance Threshold

Inspection Findings & Performance Indicators



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Diablo Canyon Assessment Results

January 1 - December 31, 2015

- All inspection findings and performance indicators had very low safety significance (**GREEN**)
- Conducted supplemental inspection of previous EP-related issue of low to moderate safety significance (**WHITE**)
 - Closed the finding and violation

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Diablo Canyon Annual Assessment Summary

January 1 - December 31, 2015

- **PG&E operated Diablo Canyon in a manner that preserved public health and safety**
- **All cornerstone objectives were met**
- **Will Complete Baseline Inspection activities, including:**
 - **Biennial Problem Identification & Resolution**
 - **Triennial Fire Protection Inspection**
 - **Biennial Emergency Preparedness Exercise**

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Next Steps / Other NRC Activities

- **Japan Lessons Learned Related Orders**
 - **Mitigation Strategies for Beyond-Design-Basis External Events & Spent Fuel Pool Level Instrumentation**
 - **NRC audit completed August 2015**
 - **Implementation in Fall 2015 (Unit 1) and Spring 2016 (Unit 2)**
 - **Inspection of full implementation – Mid-2017**
- **Flooding and Seismic Reevaluations**

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“Ground Rules” for Q&A

- Speak into a microphone
- One person talks at a time
- Please state your name
- Minimize background noise
 - Limit side conversations
 - Please silence phones
- Will alternate taking questions/comments from each side of the room
- Respect for everyone’s time & opinions

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Diablo Canyon Power Plant Annual Assessment & Public Town Hall Meeting

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