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It is extremely important to me and all forms of life that the operation of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant is prohibited. It is hard for me to conceive of any human jeopardizing so many other forms of life, including humans, to protect their personal financial interests. If this and any other plutonium producing plants is licensed to operate it will benefit a very few persons financially and threaten everyone physically. Please take my life and yours into consideration and do everything possible to terminate this deadly operation.

Thank you,

Sandy Downey

by

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

April 5, 1977

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PROD. & UTIL. EAD. 50-275323



Mr. Reino Alto, President
Calaveras County Farm Bureau
San Andreas, California 95248

Dear Mr. Alto:

Thank you for your recent letter and for sharing your views with us regarding the necessity of licensing the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Station for operation.

We would like to assure you that the NRC staff and the independent Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards are working as expeditiously as possible to resolve questions which have been raised about the ability of the facility to withstand earthquakes.

When this question is resolved, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will resume the public hearing on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's application to operate the facility. At this time, it is not possible to predict when a final decision will be reached.

We, of course, are aware of the problems the current drought is causing and will cause in the coming months; nevertheless, our primary consideration in this matter--as in all others--must be the public health and safety.

In the meantime, we are taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter for inclusion in the Diablo Canyon file so that all parties to the proceeding will be aware of your views.

Sincerely,

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Frank Ingram
Assistant to the Director
Office of Public Affairs

✓cc: Docketing and Service Branch
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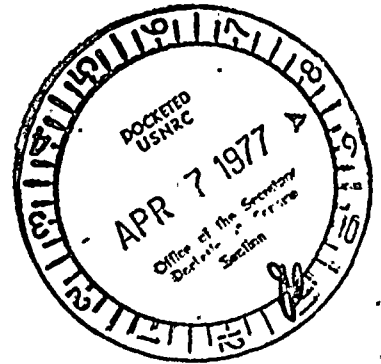


CALAVERAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

SAN ANDREAS, CALIFORNIA 95248

March 24, 1977

Willis A. Anders, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. - 20555



Dear Mr. Anders:

The Calaveras County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, concerned over the possible blackout this summer because of lack of generating facilities, are strongly in support of licensing the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Project.

Sincerely,

Reino Alto
Reino Alto, President
CALAVERAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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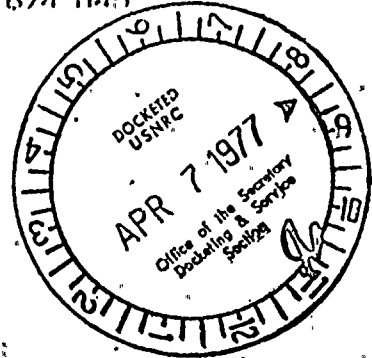


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SIERRA GOLD NURSERIES

P.O. BOX 815, YUBA CITY, CA 95991 PHONE (916) 874 1145

March 29, 1977



U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Washington, DC 20555.

Dear Gentlemen:

Because of the very serious drought conditions existing in San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, we are extremely concerned about the availability of enough electricity during the summer months to pump our vitally needed irrigation water from our wells. Almost every day we read accounts in the newspapers that because of the lack of water in the mountains and behind the storage dams, there simply will not be enough hydro-electricity to serve the normal needs.

We are a nursery growing orchard trees in the field and regular weekly irrigation is a necessity if these trees are going to survive. Since the normal amount of electricity will not be available through hydro-electric sources we must insist that everything be done to obtain this electricity from other sources.

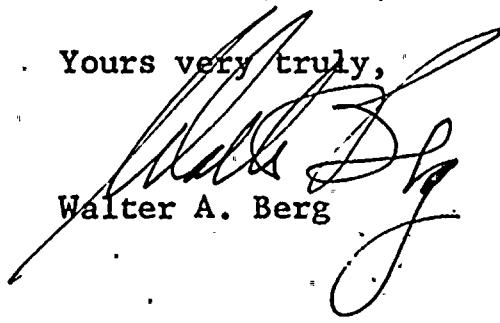
We refer especially to the Diablo Canyon Power Plant which is under construction by P.G. & E., and will be ready to produce power by July 1 if it is allowed to do so. We must insist that the priority for water in California is the number 1 priority at this time, and that certain groups of environmentalists who are using all tactics possible to block the operation of this power plant be put on notice that their wishes must be subordinate to the life and death requirement of water in California during this period of drought.



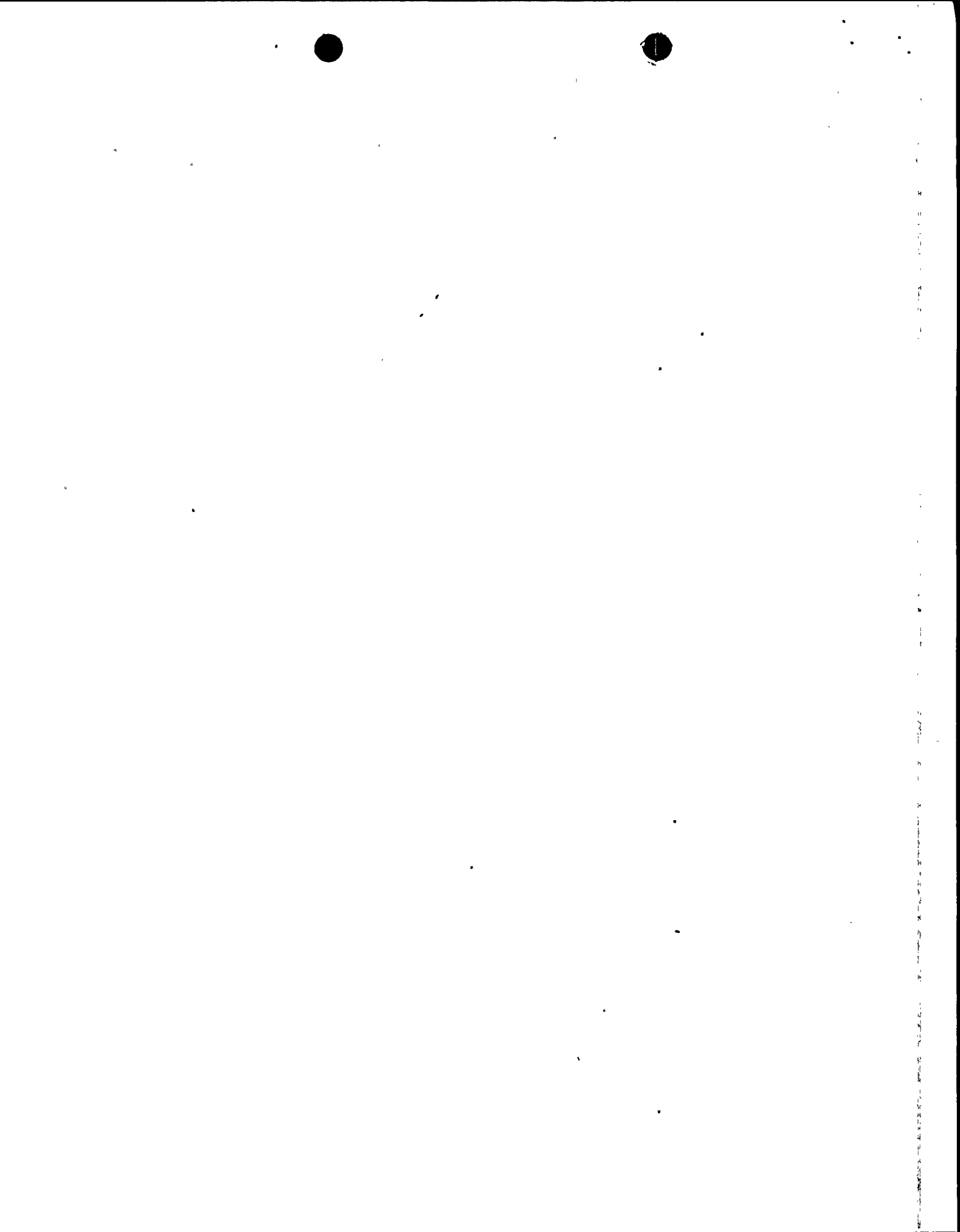
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I urge you to do everything possible within your power to aid and assist in getting this very much needed power plant into operation just as soon as possible. Thank you for all the help that you can do.

Yours very truly,


Walter A. Berg

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Woolf Farming Co.

of California, Inc.

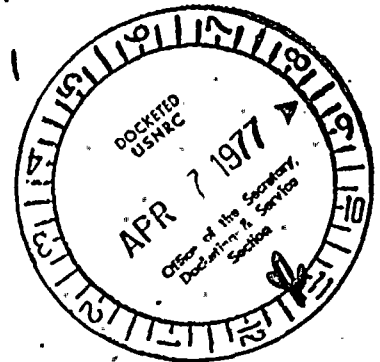
JOHN L. WOOLF, PRESIDENT

P. O. BOX 215, HURON, CALIFORNIA 93234

(209) 945-2536

March 25, 1977

*Sent Standard Diablo letter
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

We are continually hearing reports from both government and power company officials that there will be a shortage of electricity this summer. It stands to reason that if the reservoirs are very low or empty, hydroelectric power cannot be generated.

The shortage of water for irrigation has increased the demand for electric power for underground pumping. We understand that in the San Joaquin Division of Pacific Gas and Electric Co. applications for new power accounts and restoring old power accounts equals the horsepower in use prior to the importation of northern project water.

If it is true that the first of two units of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant with a capacity of 1,000,000 hp could be ready for production by July 1st, why has it not been cleared for operation?

If there are questions concerning earthquake safety, are the people involved with the seismic study working on an emergency 24-hour-per-day basis? If they are not, why not?

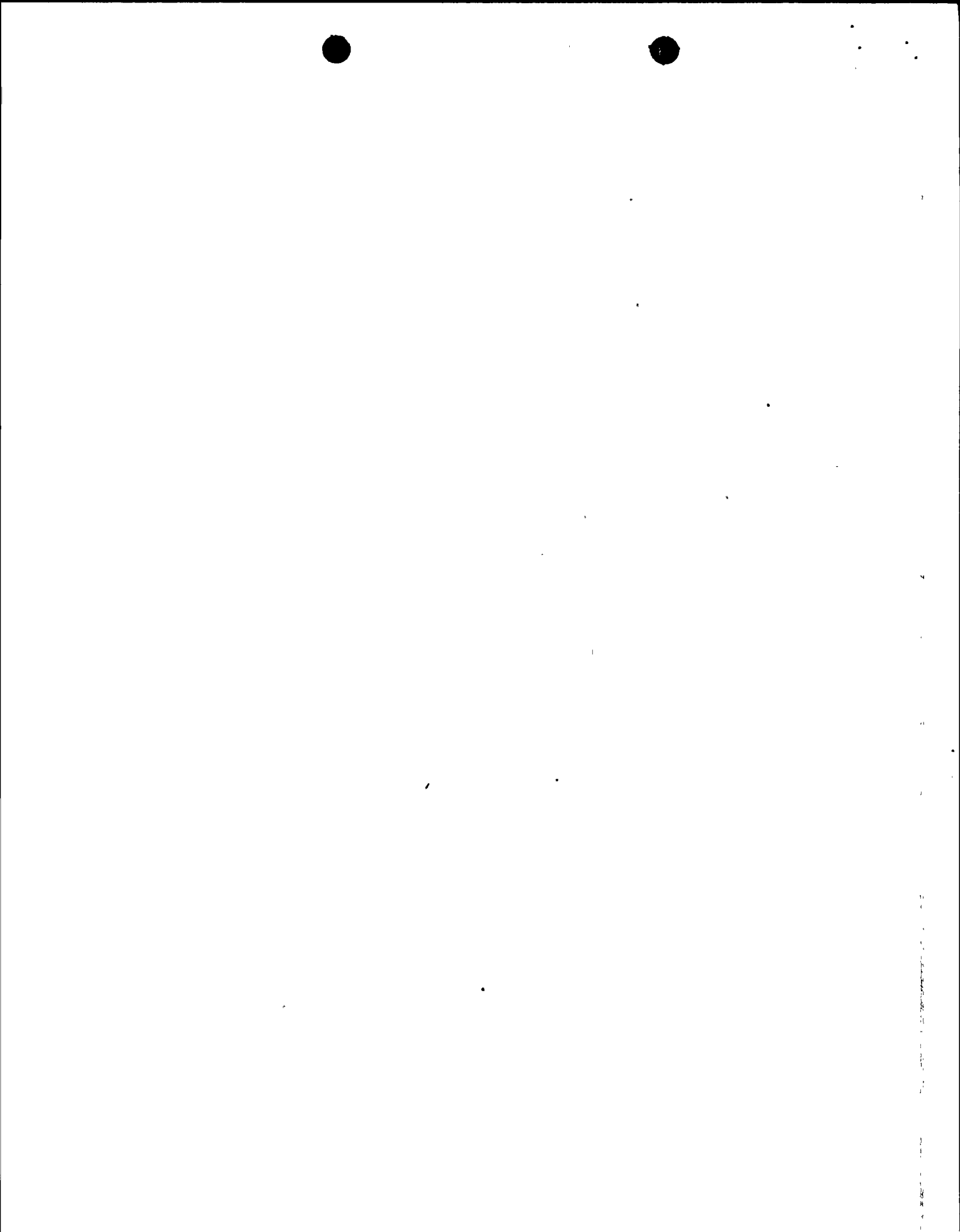
We are faced with a crisis. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

WOOLF FARMING CO.


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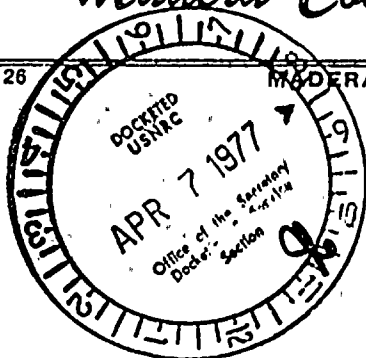
Madera County Farm Bureau



13314 Road 26

MADERA, CALIFORNIA 93637

Telephone (209) 674-8871



Madera County Farm Bureau
Resolution # 77-6
Diablo Canyon Nuclear
Power Plant 3-10-77

WHEREAS, California is and has been beset with a serious water shortage caused by the worst drought in recorded history, and

WHEREAS, all the peoples of California are and will be extremely affected through water shortages for domestic, agricultural, and electrical power generation use, and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate electrical power generation will adversely affect the production of foods, fibers, and consumer goods, as well as providing the comforts of heat, lights, and air conditioning, and

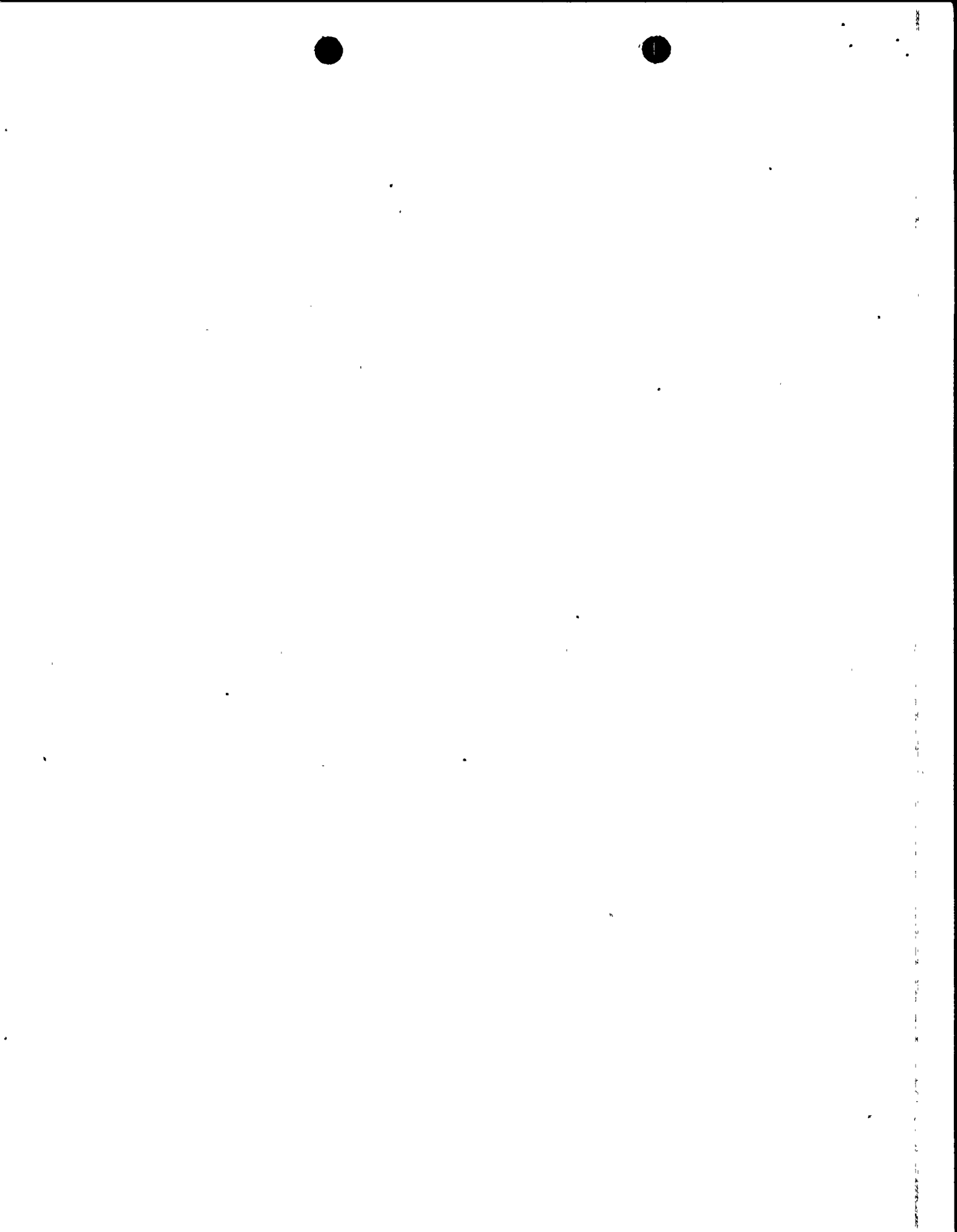
WHEREAS, these shortages will cause an unreasonable strain on the economic balance of our economy through increased demand for the shorter supply, and

WHEREAS, California has the capability of offsetting these adverse factors partially through the implementing of power generation from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power facility,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Madera County Farm Bureau and its 1300 member families besiege the Governor, the Legislature, the Public Utilities Commission, and the Courts of California to move swiftly to lift any and all bans, restrictions, and legal injunctions preventing the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant from operations that would supply electrical power to California.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously passed by the Madera County Farm Bureau Board of Directors at their meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 1977.

J. Gordon Kennedy, President
Madera County Farm Bureau



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Assembly
California Legislature

KENNETH L. MADDY
ASSEMBLYMAN, THIRTIETH DISTRICT
FRESNO, MADERA, MARIPOSA, MERCED COUNTIES

March 25, 1977

Markus Rowden, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 "H" Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20555

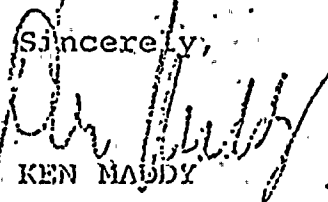
Dear Mr. Rowden:

California is facing a critical energy supply situation this summer with drought conditions severely limiting hydroelectric energy supplies. The Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant on the central coast of California will be critically needed to supplement anticipated limited electrical supplies. Without the added capacity of Diablo Canyon, we face the possibility of brown outs and black outs because of limited alternate electrical sources.

It is imperative that Diablo Canyon be allowed to go into operation. I trust that every consideration will be given and the Diablo Canyon Power Plant will be on line as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


KEN MADDY

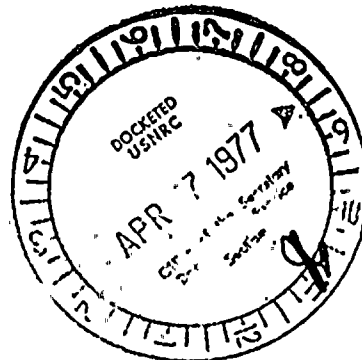
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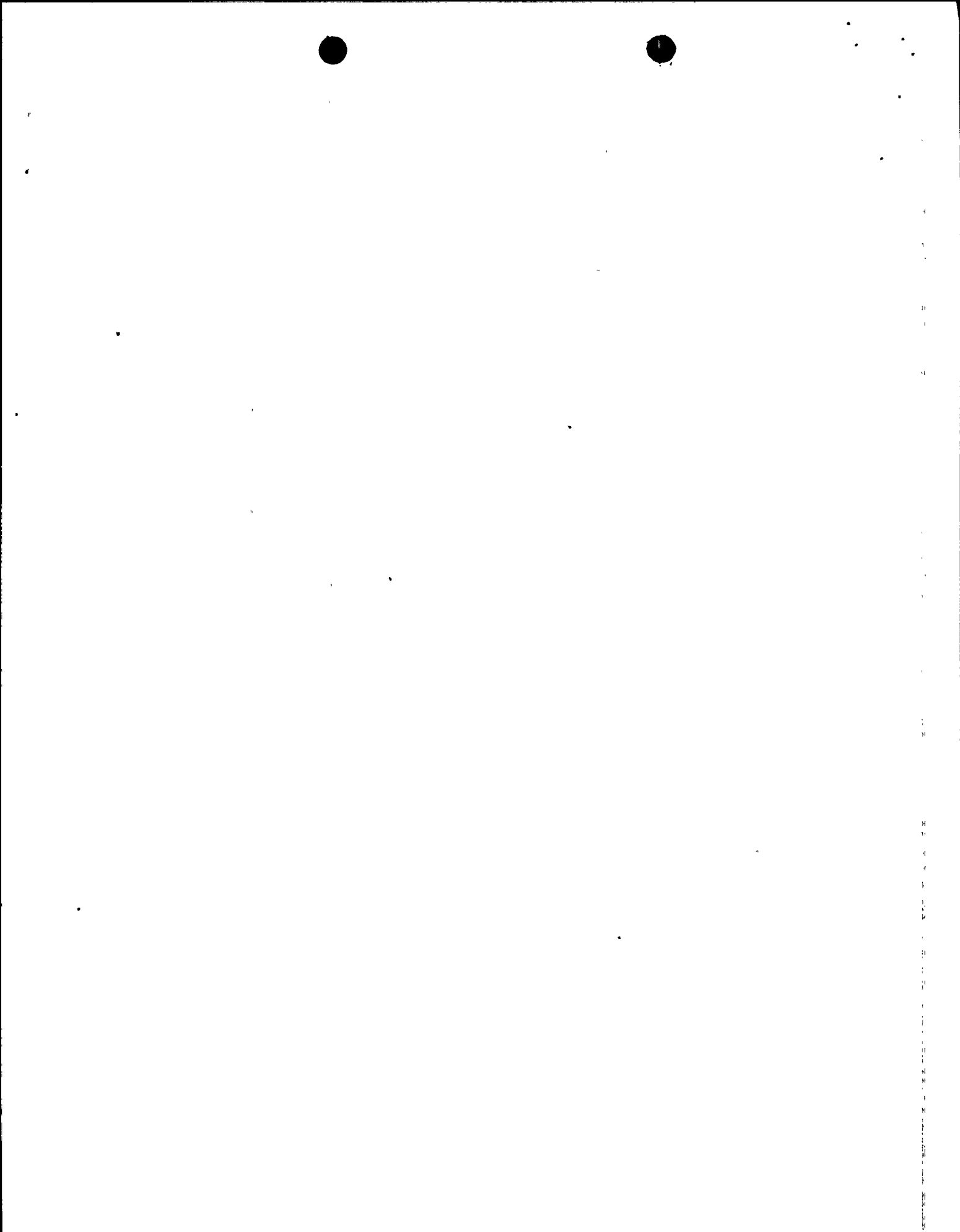
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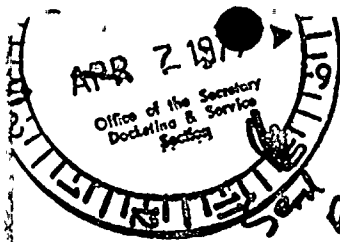
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H. G. KELSEY
744 W. 26th ST.
MERCED, CALIF. 95340
March 28, 1977

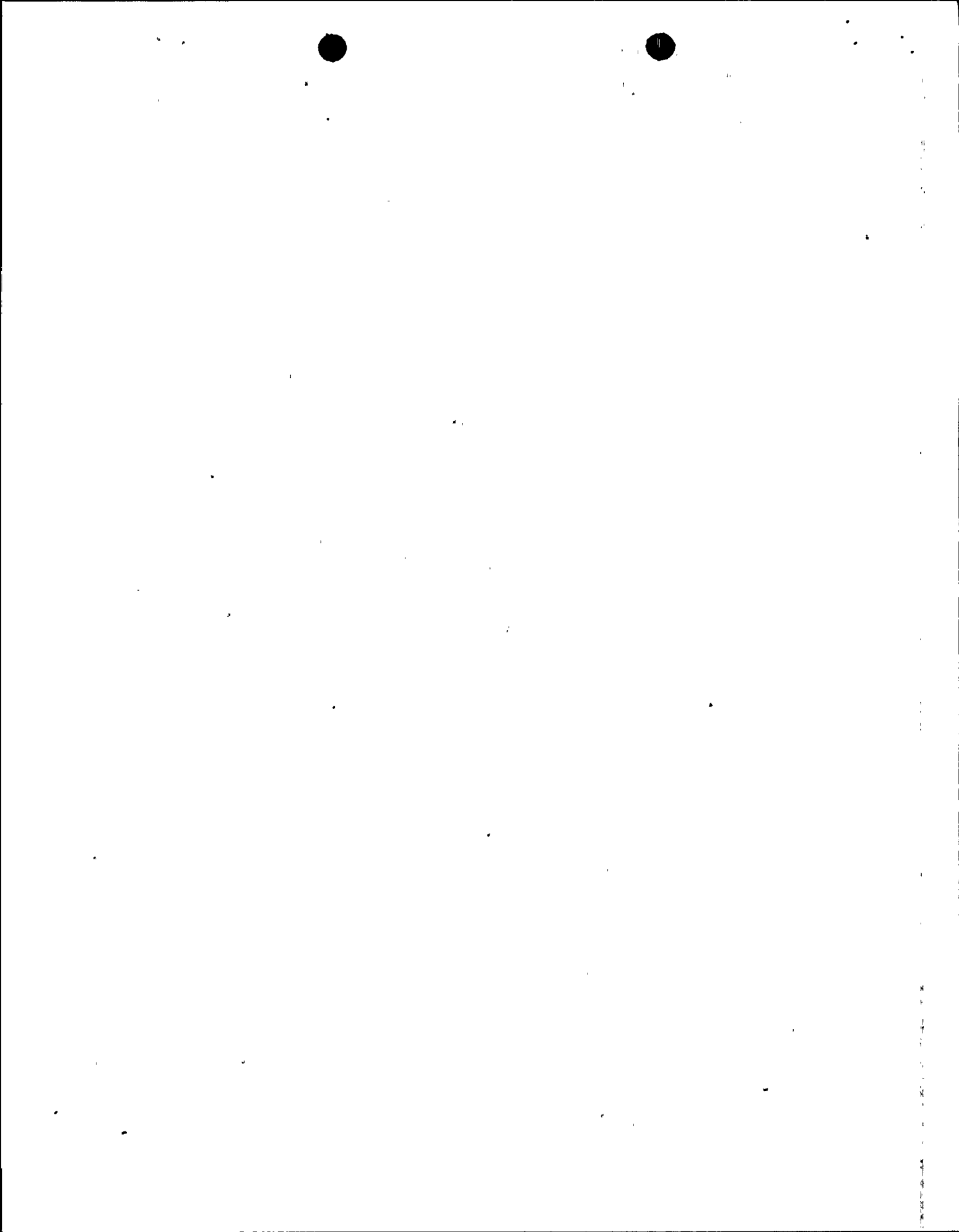
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

There is real danger that there will be insufficient electrical energy to operate California irrigation pumps in this year of extreme drought.

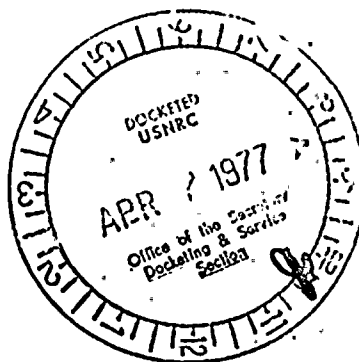
I am pleading to you as a farmer who operates 12 electrical irrigation pumps, that you facilitate the immediate operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant to generate power for California Agriculture.

Sincerely yours,
H. G. Kelsey



P.O. Box 2417
Washington, D.C. 20013

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Mrs. E. Coulter
Mediapolis, Iowa 52637

Dear Mrs. Coulter:

Your January 30 inquiry to President Carter was referred to us for reply.

Since we have no jurisdiction over construction and licensing of nuclear power plants, we have referred your letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

You should be hearing from them soon.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL A. BARTON

For JOHN R. McGUIRE
Chief

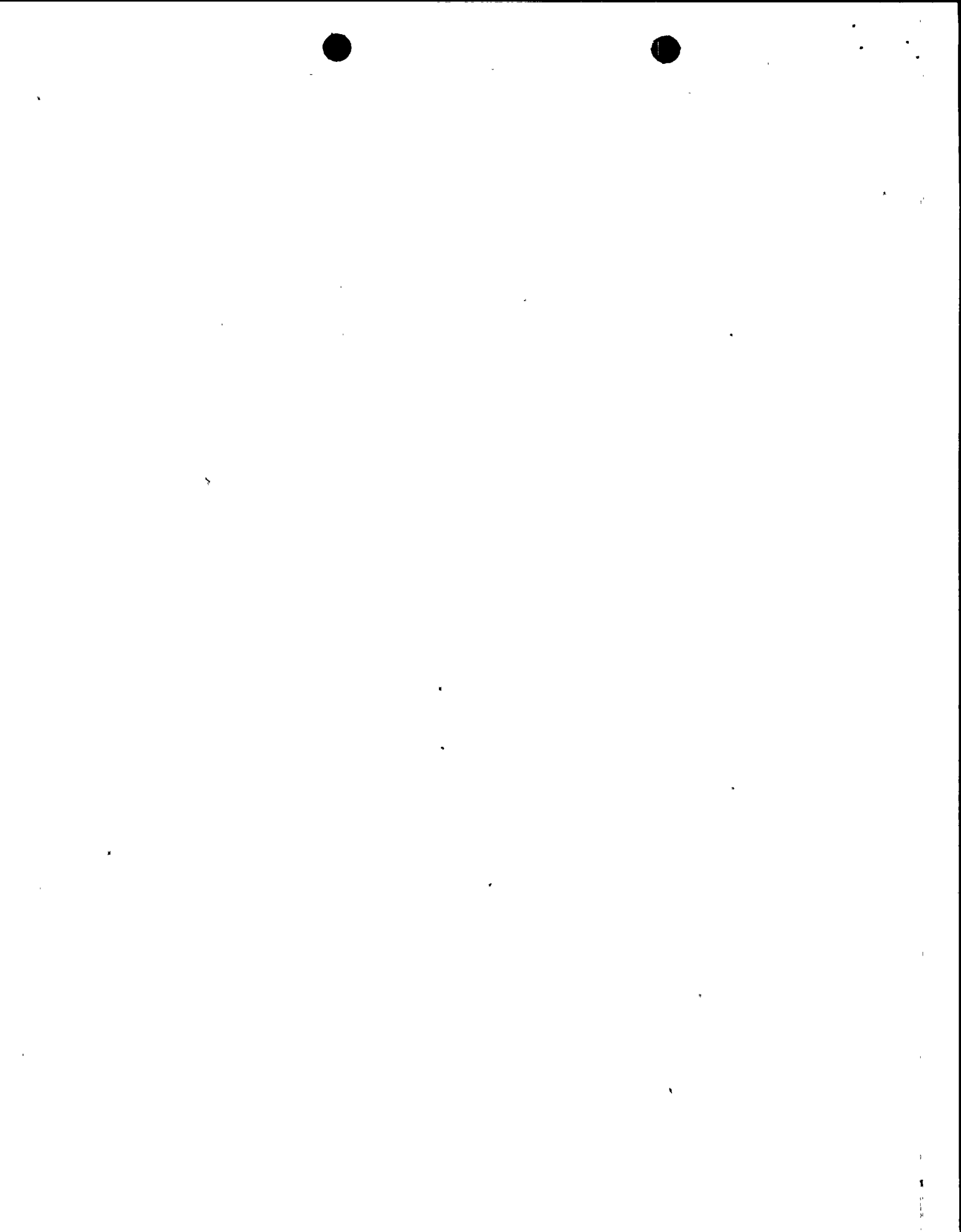
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TO DOD - FOR DIRECT REPLY
MAR 5 1977

Mediapolis, Iowa
March 30, 1977
Pres. Jimmy Carter
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

If the following
news article is
correct, why was
this irresponsible
procedure permitted,
and what will be
the outcome?

A concerned citizen,
Mrs. E. Coulter
Mediapolis, Iowa
52637

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Referred to:

Date: FS

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Agree



Monster called Teton

By JACK ANDERSON
and LES WHITTEN

WASHINGTON — It started in the quiet darkness before dawn. Two small leaks, seemingly insignificant, trickled down the canyon wall near the north end of the great earth-filled Teton Dam.

But three minutes before noon on the fearful Sunday, June 6, 1976, the 30-story dam split open, and a massive wall of water roared over the peaceful Idaho countryside. Miraculously, only 14 people died from the flood's ravages. But over a billion dollars worth of Idaho real estate was washed away. Thousands were left homeless.

Merry-Go-Round

Subsequent investigations indicated that the dam should not have been built at all. For the Bureau of Reclamation knew, long before a billion gallons of water backed up behind the dam, that it was a risky project. The geology was tricky, the engineering dubious. But unfortunately, Washington was more sensitive to the lobbying for the dam than to the scientific warnings against it. And so the government built a monster called Teton.

Now a worse disaster may be in the making on the California coast. A nuclear power plant is nearing completion near Diablo Canyon, just three miles from an earthquake line called Hosgri Fault.

In 1971, Shell Oil geologists announced the discovery of the Hosgri Fault. They found it by using a method, ironically, that the nuclear facility's critics had unsuccessfully urged the government to try.

Yet despite the earthquake danger, the government went ahead with the Diablo Canyon plant. It doesn't take a geologist to figure out that an earthquake could rupture the nuclear power plant. This could cause a radiation spill, with catastrophic consequences.

The construction of the plant could have been stopped in 1971, of course, before the full \$1.2 billion it cost to

build it was spent. Now it is too late to recover the enormous construction cost; the plant will soon be ready to open. However, it still requires an operating license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which is supposed to protect the public safety.

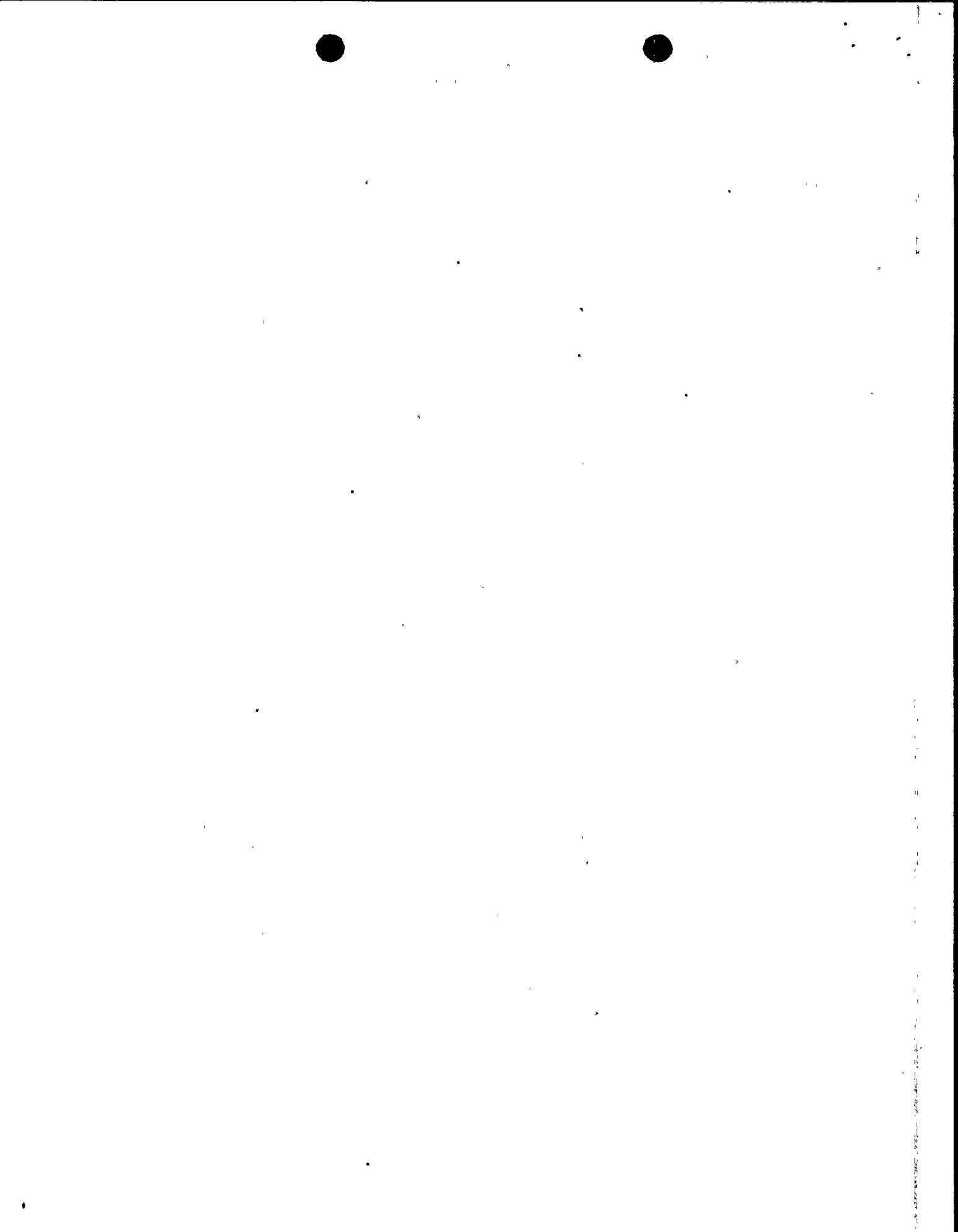
The NRC's project manager for the plant, Dennis Allison, told us that the commission's proposed safety regulations give some comfort "but not much." He acknowledged that the site "turned out to be not such a great place."

Yet so much money and effort has been invested in the plant, and so many powerful politicians have backed it, that there is tremendous pressure to open it. Allison said the operating license "probably" would be granted.

It was also the site, according to congressional findings, that doomed the Teton Dam. But the politicians who promoted the dam and the bureaucrats who planned it have not been held accountable for the billion-dollar disaster. The Bureau of Reclamation, whose mismanagement helped to produce the catastrophe, has been left unscathed.

Congress, of course, conducted its usual investigations, but these didn't perturb Reclamation Commissioner Gil Stamm. He told some bureaucrats, as we reported last year, that he "wasn't losing any sleep at night" over the congressional inquiries.

It is true that the warnings reached most Idaho residents in time for them to escape the flood. For this, the dam builders deserve no credit; thousands might have been drowned. Stamm assured us that he and his agency are "extremely sensitive" to the Teton Dam disaster. But if sterner measures had been taken against the responsible bureaucrats, the NRC might be a little less willing to issue an operating permit to a nuclear plant on the rim of an earthquake fault.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Department of Agriculture

DATE: 10 March 1977

Attn: ~~Mr. [unclear]~~

FROM : Mr. Leonard L. Shupe^{LLS} / OX 56151
Chief, White House Correspondence Section, 3B-936, The Pentagon

SUBJECT: White House Correspondence Referrals

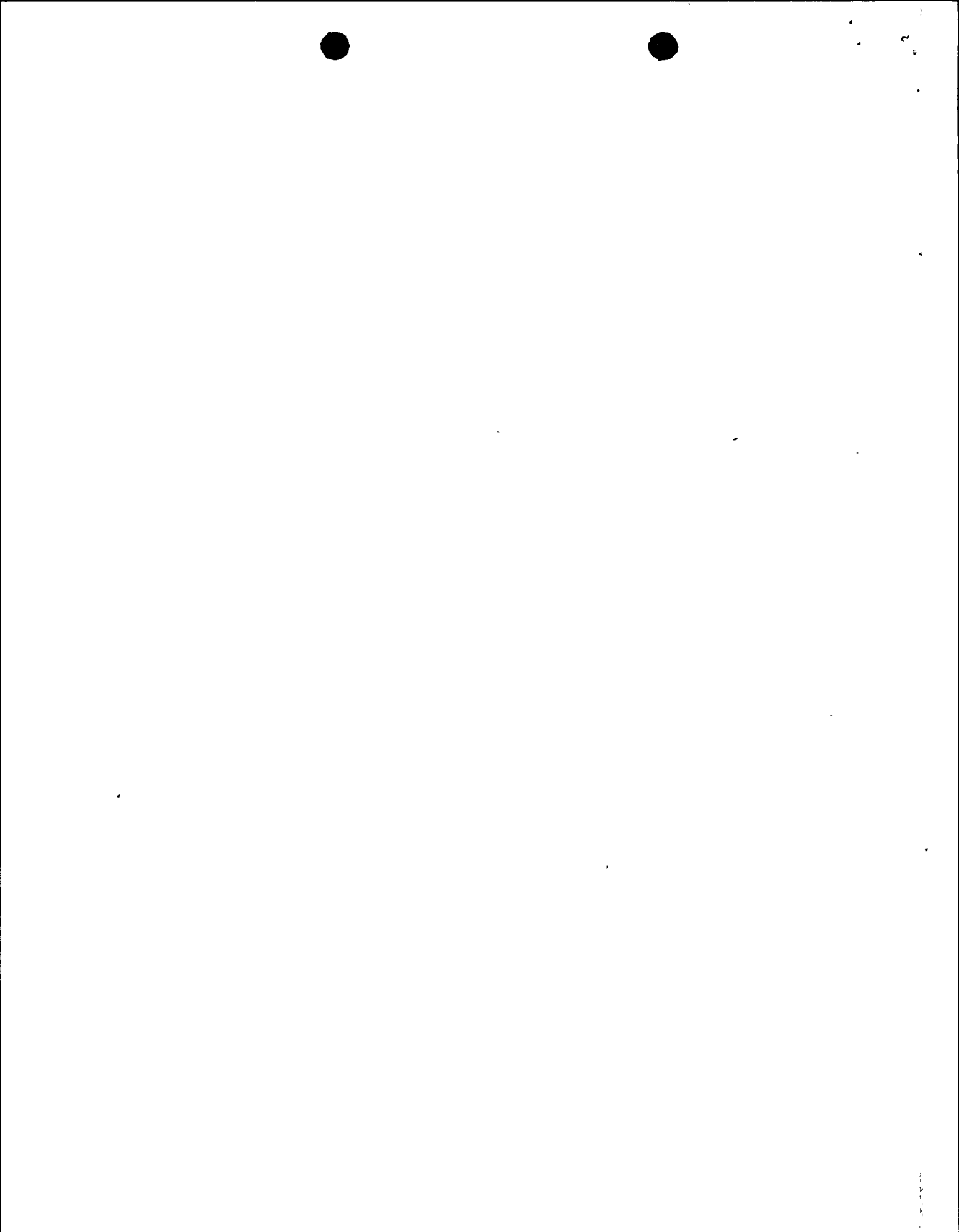
The attached letter addressed to the President was referred to the Department of Defense by the White House for a direct reply.

After review, it appears that the subject of the letter is under the jurisdiction of your office.

Attachment Letter from Mrs. E. Coulter, Mediapolis, Iowa 52637
dated 30 January 1977

cc: White House Central Files
Attn: Mr. Frank Matthews
Rm. 68, Exec. Ofc. Building
Washington, D. C.





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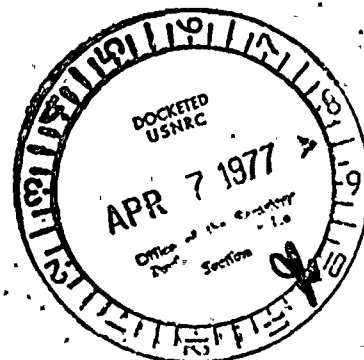
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STAN STATHAM
ASSEMBLYMAN, FIRST DISTRICT

March 24, 1977



Mr. John Stolz
U.S.N.R.C.
7920 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Stolz:

I'm writing this letter in regard to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in San Luis Obispo.

It is my concern that because of the drought conditions existing in California, many people will be seriously affected by shortages of water and by shortages of electricity. Ironically, as the drought gets worse, the need for electricity goes up.

My understanding of this problem so far is that P.G. & E. has already obtained its needed permits from the Advisory Commission on Reactor Safeguards and the Atomic Safety Licensing Board. P.G. & E. ran into problems when the United States Geological Survey, out of Menlo Park, found that this plant was sited on an area of seismic activity. From what I've been told, P.G. & E. has made structural changes to account for this problem.

P.G. & E. is now trying to get this plant's operation approved by your Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and then bring it up for public hearings. The earliest possible date that the plant can begin operation, according to the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, is February of 1978.

What I would like to do is offer my services to you in order to speed up this process and get this plant operating as we rapidly approach summer. Any assistance I can give you, legislatively or otherwise, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Statham".

STAN STATHAM

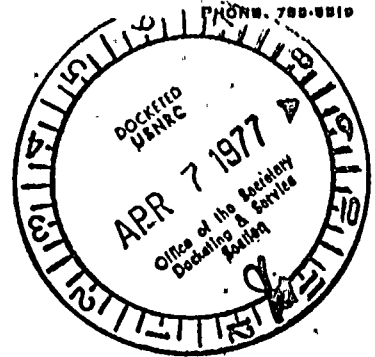
MERVYN VOTH FARMS

TELEPHONE 788-6438

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P. O. BOX 1 (EYE)

WASCO, CALIFORNIA 93280



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March 24, 1977

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sirs:

I view with great concern the fact that Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant near San Luis Obispo is apparently not going on stream in the immediate future.

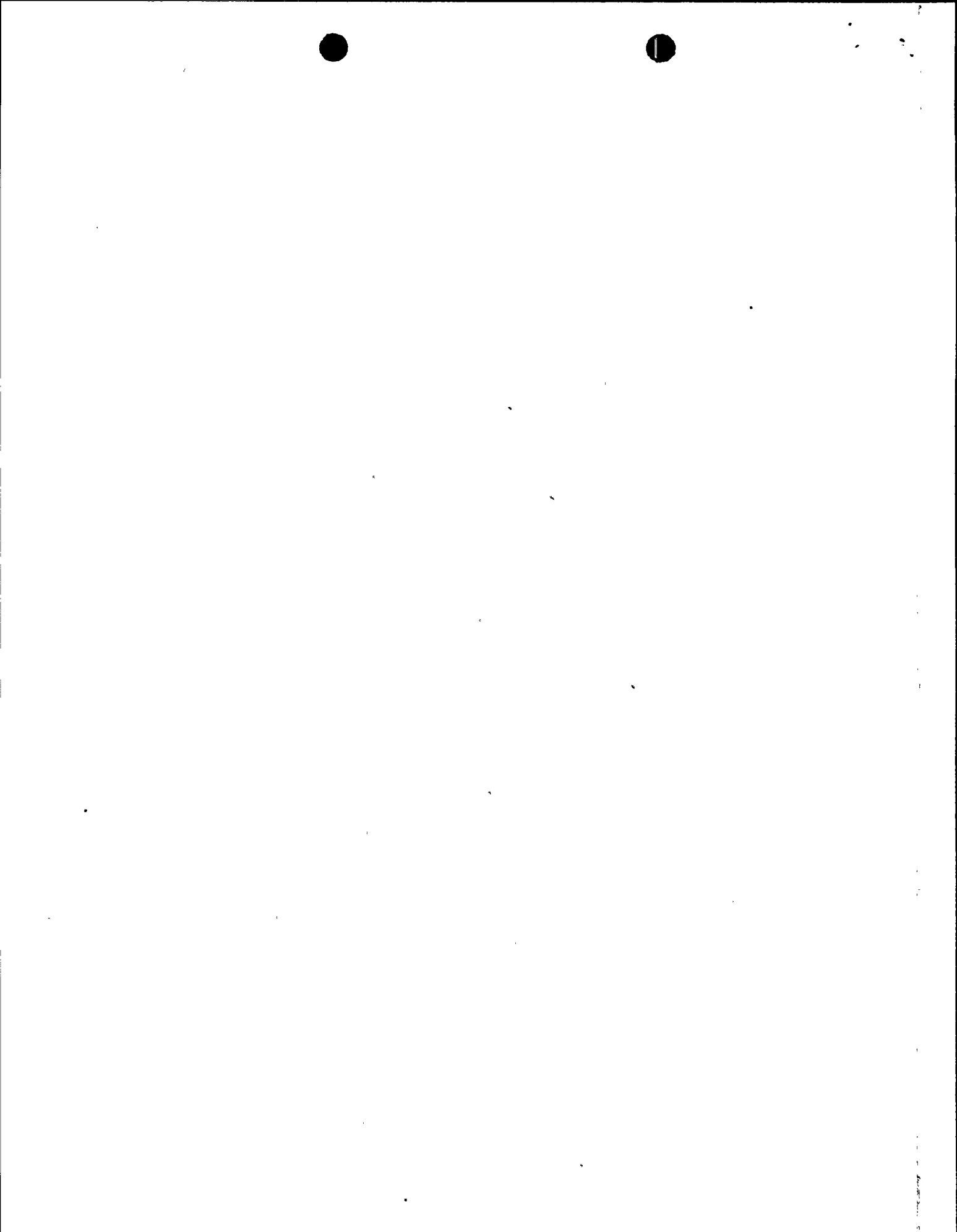
I have followed closely the problems associated with this nuclear power plant, have in fact visited the plant, am building a home at Los Osos within a few miles of the plant, and thus feel somewhat qualified to comment intelligently on the pros and cons of the start up of the No. 1 unit.

It is questionable whether we in agriculture will have sufficient energy to pump the water needed to raise our crops this summer. The margin is razor thin. Therefore, we feel strongly the need for the energy this plant could provide.

Consequently, I strongly urge that you do everything in your power to quickly resolve the issues keeping this plant from going on stream.

Sincerely,

Mervyn Voth
Mervyn Voth



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Washington, D.C. 20545
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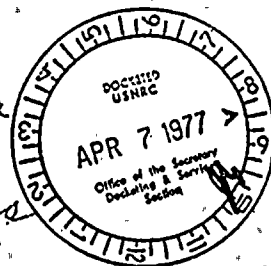
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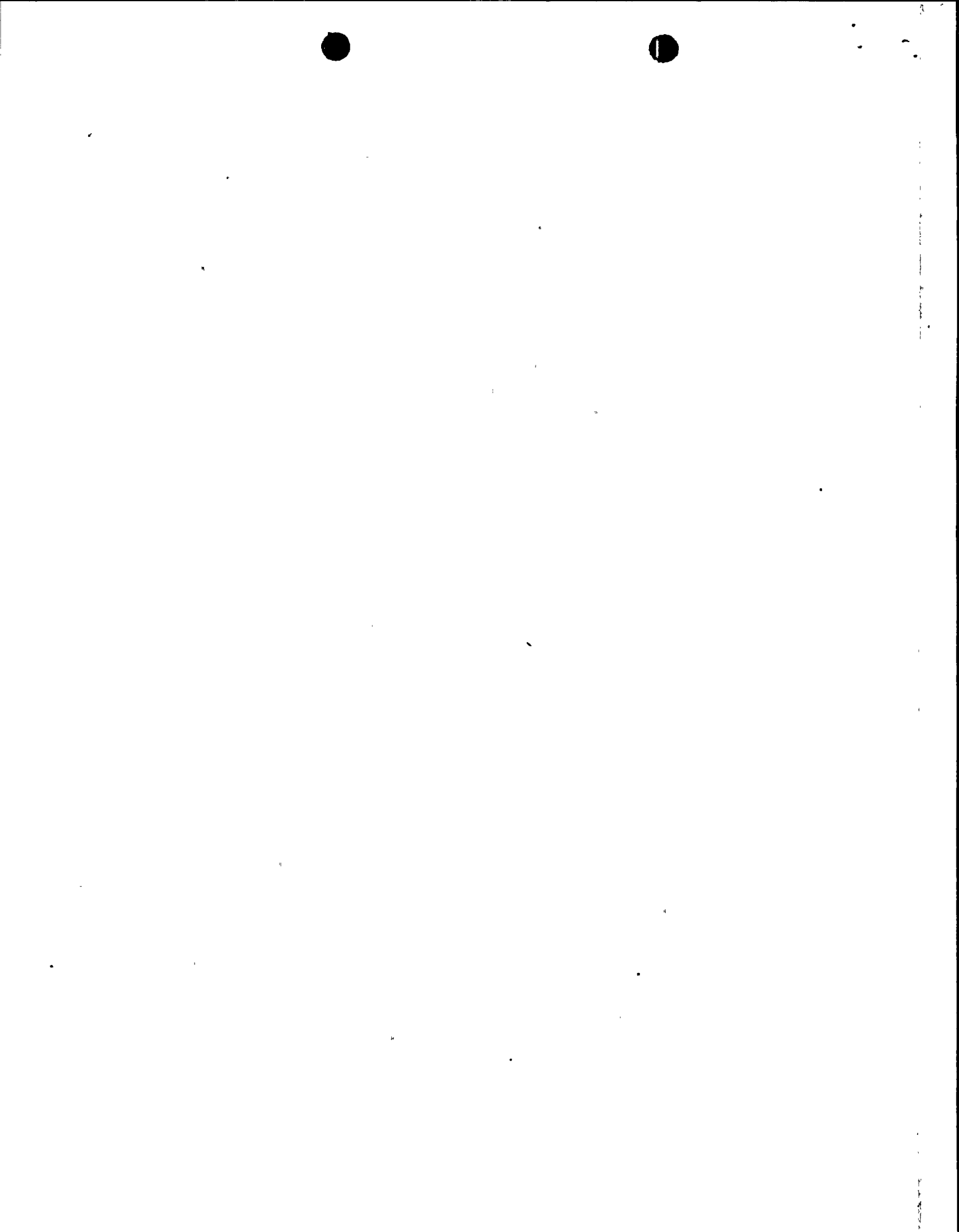
Because of the seriousness of the drought in California, we are urging your support in expediting the opening of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant near San Luis Obispo.

We understand the Diablo Canyon Power Plant has not been cleared for operation because of questions concerning earthquake safety have been raised. We are not qualified to know whether or not there is a seismic problem. We farmers do know, however, that there is a serious water shortage. The farmer needs water in order to produce food for the population. To get additional water, we must have adequate electricity for the pumps.

We urge that the Diablo plant be given 24-hour jurisdiction attention and that you exert every effort to see that this plant comes on stream at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,
Luigi Delfino
Romano Orzechia
Romano





Golden BY-PRODUCTS, INC.

PROCESSORS OF ALMOND HULLS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL BY-PRODUCTS

P. O. BOX 1123

TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA 95380

PHONE (209) 634-8849

March 30, 1977

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

The seriousness of the drought in California is well known to everyone regardless of how remotely they may be connected to agriculture. But for those of us who are directly involved in agribusiness and farming, the gravity of the situation is painfully intense. All of the resources at our disposal are being focused on one problem: the lack of water to support our crops! The resources at hand are grossly inadequate to meet the crisis. Obviously any new resource which may be available is desperately needed.

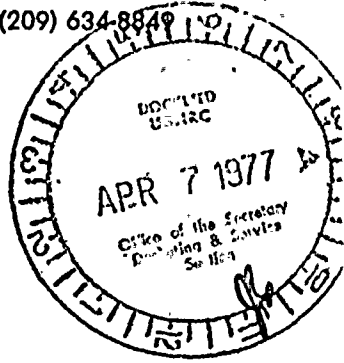
With this in mind, we request that you support any action necessary for the opening of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power plant near San Luis Obispo. We understand final approval of this plant is being handled on a routine basis while the needs of electrical energy for irrigation during the drought clearly dictate the necessity of proceeding on a priority basis.

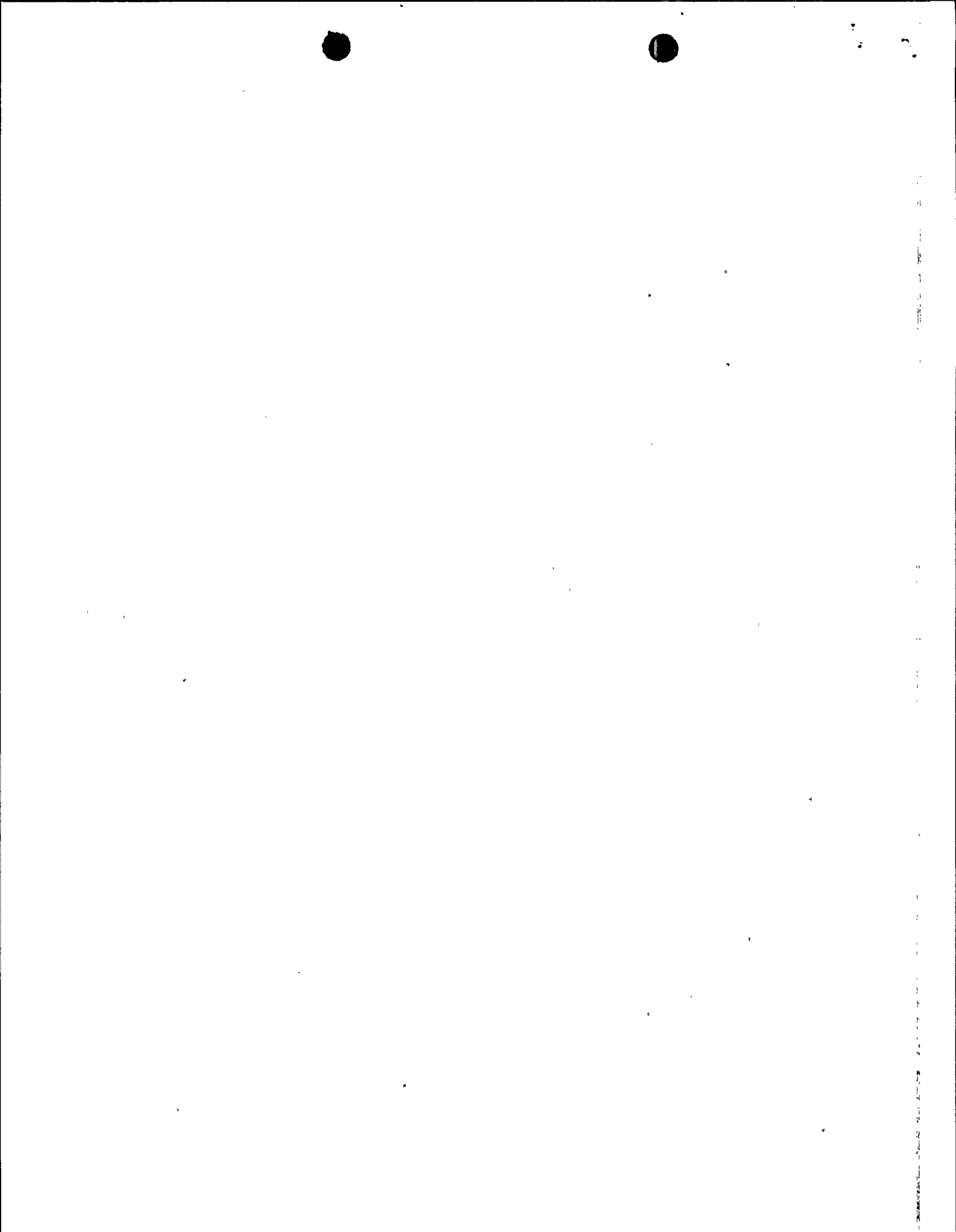
In recent times we have all heard a great deal of rhetoric concerning the responsiveness of government to the needs of the people. Activation of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant is an excellent example of a need which can be met by responsive governmental action. In California agriculture means food and jobs. Both of these are essential, non-partisan needs which responsive government must support. Lend your support now - - take action on the Diablo Canyon Power Plant today.

Sincerely,


James H. Barstow, President
Golden By-Products, Inc.

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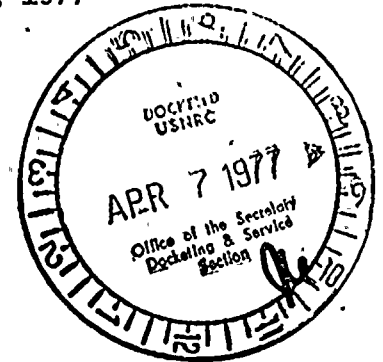




SAN JOAQUIN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

MEETING TODAY'S PROBLEMS / PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

March 28, 1977



William A. Anders, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Anders:

The California Farm Bureau Federation has given high priority to encouraging efforts to complete the licensing process for the Diablo Canyon Plant so that its benefits may be made available to all users of the energy it will produce.

The San Joaquin Farm Bureau Board of Directors are also concerned about the possibility of power interruptions during the late summer. Because of the drought conditions and the lack of surface water for irrigations, agriculture will be looking toward their pumps and the underground water supply to irrigate their crops. It is imperative that an uninterrupted supply of power be available.

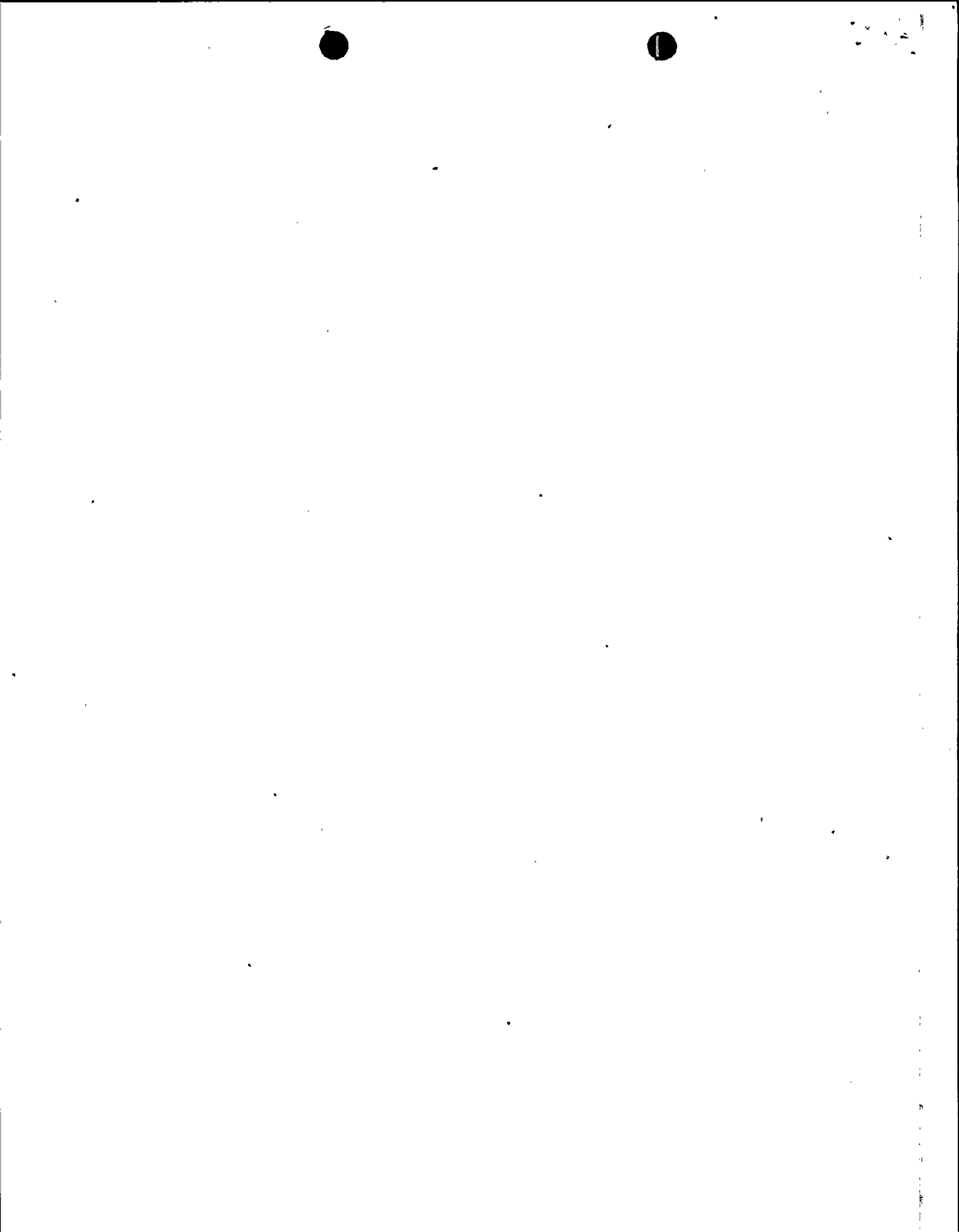
We urgently request that every effort be made to reach a decision to license the Diablo Canyon Plant at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

SAN JOAQUIN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

JERRY ROBINSON, President

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)

(Diablo Canyon, Units 1 and 2))
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Docket No.(s) 50-275
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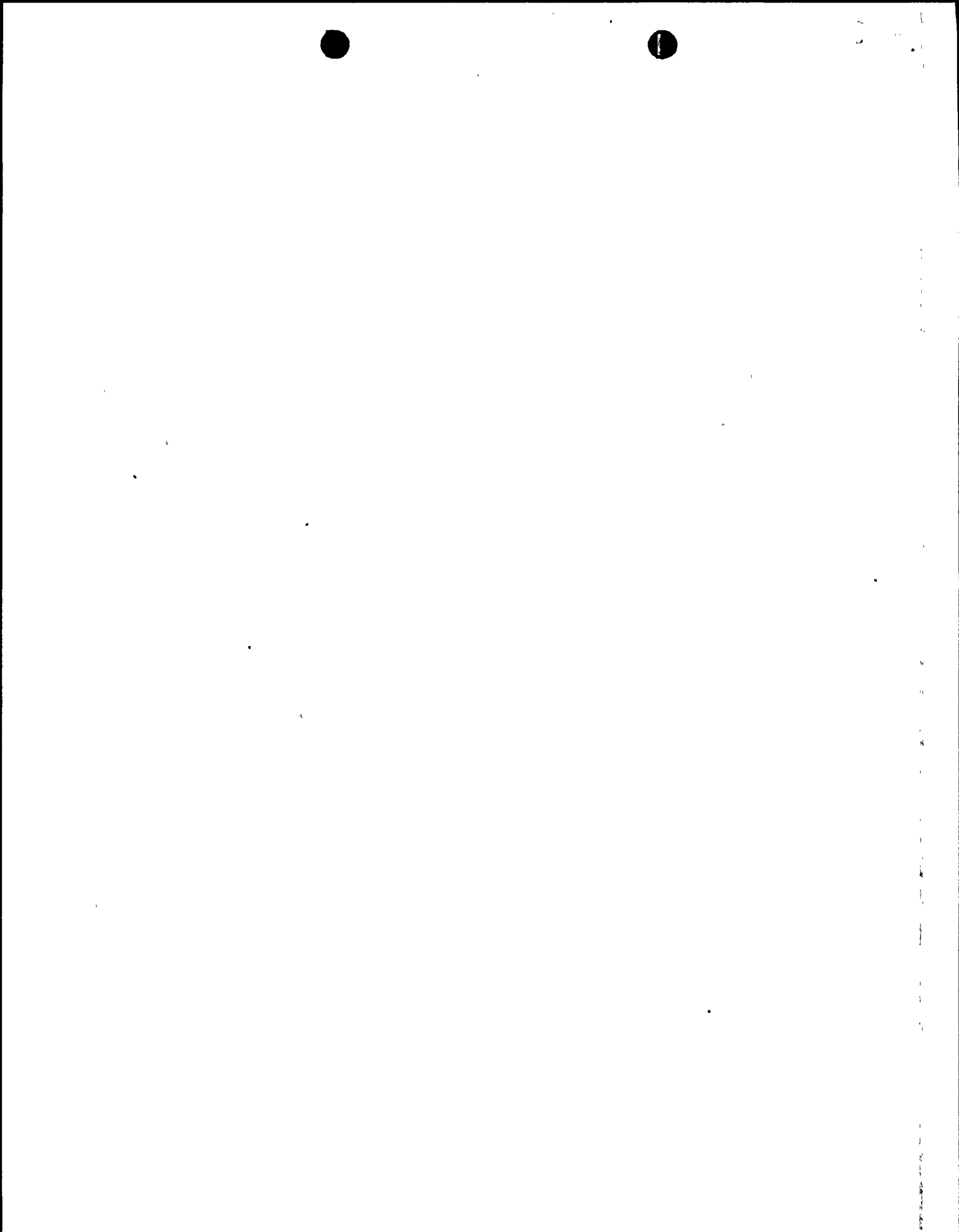
I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10. CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this

7th day of April 1977.

PA. Downing

Office of the Secretary of the Commission



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY) Docket No.(s) 50-275
) 50-323
(Diablo Canyon, Units 1 and 2))
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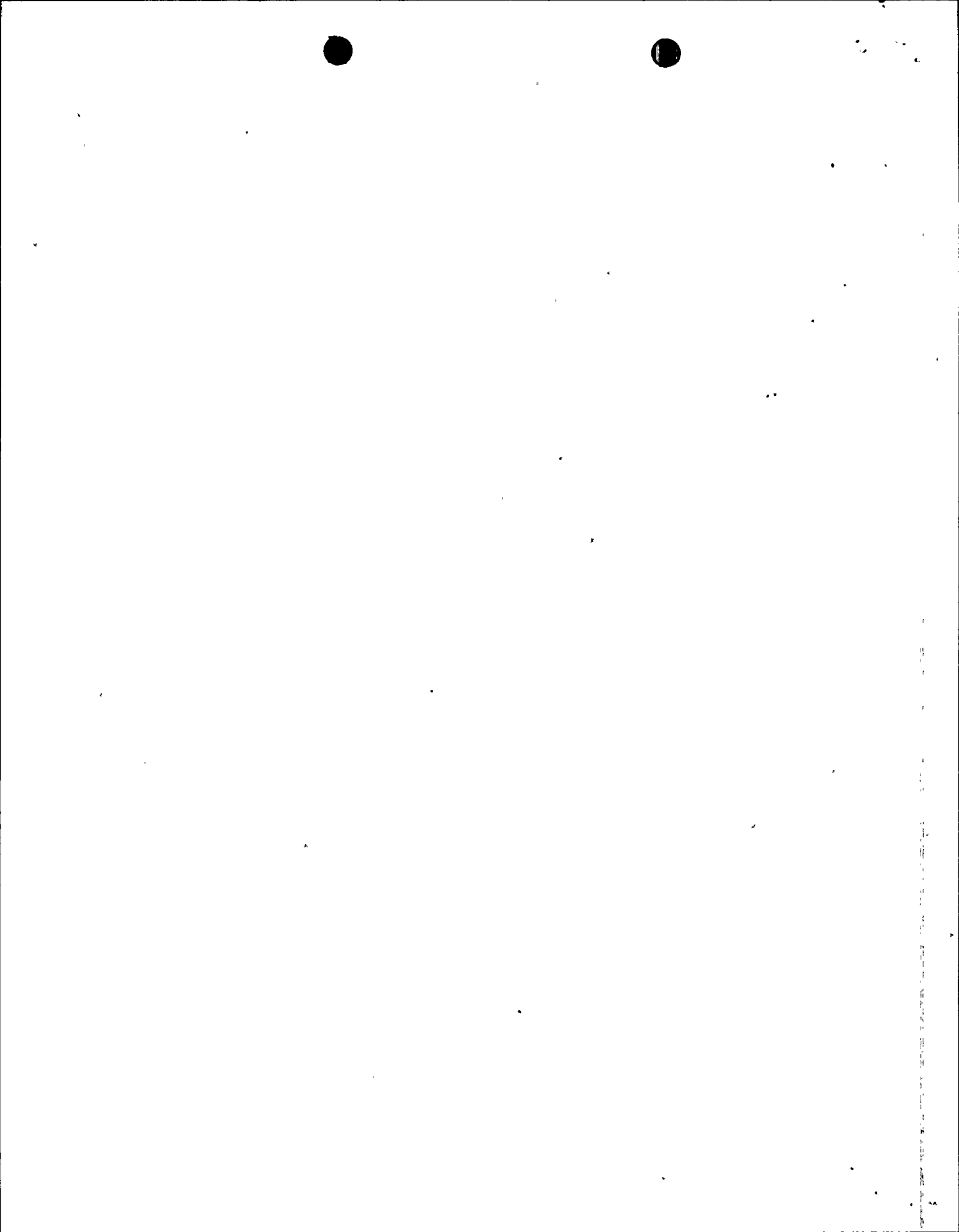
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