

Docket Nos. 50-275 ←
and 50-323

MAR 1 1974

Mr. V. G. Marth
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Costa Mesa, California 92626

Dear Mr. Marth:

This is in response to your letter of February 6, 1974, concerning the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. I am indeed sorry that you feel my letter of January 29, 1974, "was a most unsatisfactory bureaucratic nonsense example". Mr. Marth, please be assured that I intended my letter to be responsive to your inquiry. Our response contained factual information on the status of the review by the Atomic Energy Commission of this application and particularly the U. S. Geological Survey evaluation of the geologic faults in the vicinity of the Diablo Canyon site.

Let me point out that before any operating license is issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, the AEC must be satisfied that the nuclear plant can be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public, and that the issuance of an operating license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. In addition, under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the AEC is required to perform an evaluation of the potential environmental impact of proposed nuclear power plants and balance the benefits derived against possible risk to the environment.

In regard to your comment about underground siting, the AEC has maintained an active review and assessment of information pertinent to underground siting, and it is currently participating with the Resources Agency, State of California, in a general siting study which includes consideration of underground siting as a possible option. I am enclosing a copy of WASH-1250 "The Safety of Nuclear Power Reactors and Related Facilities", and would like to call your attention particularly to Section 8.8 on page 8-34 entitled "Underground Siting of Nuclear Power Plants". I

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hope this information will be responsive to your comment on this subject.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

A. Giambusso

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WASH-1250

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Feb 6 1974

Mr. A. Diambusso
Licensing Deputy Director
A.E.C.

Dear Sir:

Your answer to me concerning the monstrous Diablo Canyon Power Plant was a most unsatisfactory bureaucratic nonsense example. That power plant at that place is simply stupid. It is as though if there is an open piece of ocean or land it has to be destroyed simply because it exists.

The A.E.C. should recognize that its current solutions are unacceptable - and will be until all nuclear plants are underground and fail-safe in on themselves.

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Sincerely
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