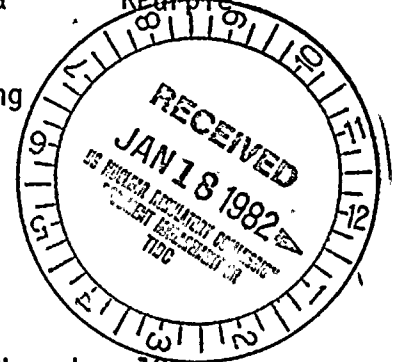


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Ms. Lynn Weinberger  
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Dear Ms. Weinberger:

I apologize for the lateness of this response to your letter of November 18, 1981, in which you requested that we consider the issues associated with the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. I assure you that much of our time and effort during the past two months has been dedicated to the consideration of the Diablo Canyon issues and concerns. The protection of the public health and safety is the primary mission of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

On November 19, 1981, the Commission issued an order suspending the license for fuel loading and low power operation of the Diablo Canyon, Unit No. 1. The order also requires that the licensee, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, complete specific actions identified in the order before we will consider lifting the suspension. On December 8, 1981, we received from the licensee a proposed program for the verification of the Diablo Canyon design aspects for seismic services related contracts and the qualifications of companies who would independently perform the verifications. This information is currently being reviewed by the NRC staff. This review and all other issues associated with the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant have the full attention of the NRC management at all levels.

I can assure you that the suspension order will not be lifted until we are fully satisfied that the operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant will not affect the health and safety of the public.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Darrell G. Eisenhut

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director  
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