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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.

To the Commission,

I address this letter concerning the licensing of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant to the whole commission, and especially Mr.'s Gilinsky, Bradford and Ahearne who courageously stood up to corporate and political pressure during the licensing decision two years ago, and publicly expressed their doubts as to the safety of the plant. As you well know, their doubts were proved right, when a few days later, serious structural errors were in fact discovered in the construction of the plant's cooling system.

I applaud Mr.'s Gilinsky, Bradford and Ahearne's awareness of their personal responsibility to the public, to prevent unnecessary deaths and disease, and follow their consciences despite the fear of "large financial loss... and the severe impact such an action would have on the whole nuclear industry." (quotation from a private memo by an NRC staff member, printed in the L.A. Times 6/29/77) In the past, such fear has also caused a member of your commission to try to persuade the US Geological Survey to change its scientifically founded safety standards in order to "prove" Diablo Canyon was "safe" without further alterations. This fear also caused your commission to grant PG&E permission to load fuel rods and begin low level testing at Diablo before adequate research and confirmation of that research occurred almost exactly two years ago.

For these reasons, I am skeptical as to how sincere your confidence is that Diablo Canyon is completely safe against major earthquakes. Do you really know?? According to William Dircks, "hundreds of errors in the design and construction of critical components" have been corrected. It is my belief that even \$200 million (unfortunately stolen from the consumers without their consent) can make that diseased plant well. And even if it could (which we will not know until another Three Mile Island fiasco occurs), what about the unsolved problems of waste disposal and storage, chemical dumping which has already drastically damaged the surrounding eco-systems, and evacuation policies and procedures for victims of a potential malfunction. Can we not learn from communities across the nation, notably those surrounding Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, where incidents of cancer (including cancer in children) is 5-15% higher, as are other radiation diseases and abnormalities such as leukemia, birth defects and miscarriages.

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Indeed the licensing of any nuclear power plant raises a plethora of safety issues and ethical questions. Diablo Canyon, which sits on an active earthquake fault, has more than its share. I implore, each one of you to ask yourselves in all honesty to yourself, your country, or whatever you consider sacred, can you really sanction such a hazardous power plant? I am praying you cannot.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and taking the time to listen to your own inner voice. I would appreciate a personal response to the issues I have raised.

Sincerely,



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