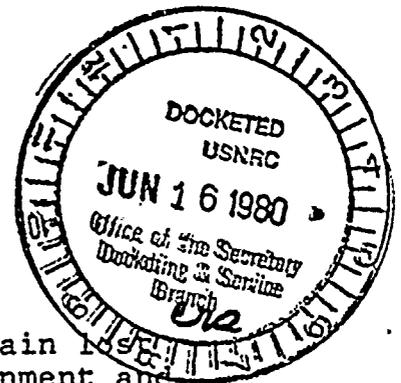


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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Chairman Ahearne
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Washington, D. C. 20555



Dear Mr. Ahearne:

If the Nuclear Regulatory Commission wishes to regain its credibility for the Nuclear Industry and our government and to have this industry continue as a viable source of energy, Diablo Canyon must never be licensed for testing. To grant permission for testing would seal the fate of the nuclear industry and herald its end for certain.

Diablo Canyon's siting was a mistake in judgment. This error was compounded by deception in covering up the Hosgri fault. This error of judgment must be corrected before irreparable damage is done.

St. Helen's volcano active after 124 years. Over one hundred quakes at Mammoth Lakes. A 6.4 quake at El Centro. A 4.9 quake on or near the Hosgri fault. A 6.7 quake in Baha California, sloshing water from swimming pools in San Diego. Do intelligent men need anymore warning that there is a far greater force at work than our miniscule commissions? If St. Helen's has not demonstrated that the Hosgri fault has capabilities of over an 8.5 quake, I think mankind is lost. The whimsies of nature are at work and intelligent conscientious men who reject the public be damned attitude must decide that they cannot gamble with nuclear energy with these harzardous odds stacked against them.

By your own recommended criteria, nuclear reactors should not be sited nearer than twelve and one-half miles from an earthquake fault, which really doesn't mean a thing, but to consider granting a license for testing for Diablo, practically on an earthquake fault with the geological upheaval rampant on the entire west coast is insanity and criminally negligent.

Come to your senses. If you wish to salvage your nuclear industry and salvage the American people on the West Coast, deny the license for Diablo Canyon. Total production from nuclear energy in California including Diablo would be 3%. Don't sell us out for that.

Sincerely,

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