



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

June 24, 1980

Harold R. Denton
Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

The League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo is opposed to the granting of a license for low-level testing for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant at this time for the following reasons.

The League has a number of health and safety concerns regarding this plant, including emergency planning, radiation monitoring, safety issues based on Three Mile Island, etc. We consider adequate emergency planning in particular to be at a critical stage as the State is about to publish new guidelines for these plans. Adequate time should be allowed for coordination of these State guidelines with Federal guidelines and for the County of San Luis Obispo to then prepare its own updated emergency plan. Until these concerns have been resolved we cannot support the issuance of any license, low-powered or full-powered.

We are also concerned with how low-level testing might affect a conversion study of the plant which is being considered by the State legislature at this time (AB2726). We understand that low-level testing would make the plant radioactive with the result that any possible conversion is then out of the question. It seems that at the very least no testing should be allowed until the possibilities of conversion have been fully explored.

Sincerely,

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