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Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the licensing of the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant, near San Luis Obispo, California.

As you know, the Diablo Plant was issued its construction permit before the official disclosure of the site's close proximity to the Hosgri earthquake fault, and the bulk of the construction was done without this crucial geologic information in mind. Thus, not only was Pacific Gas & Electric issued a construction license without sufficient geologic data available, but now that the plant is built and awaiting an operating license, it is severely questionable as to whether this plant is capable of withstanding a significant earthquake along the Hosgri Fault. As you know, California is an area of intense geologic activity, and especially along the SanAndreas Fault, of which the Hosgri Fault is a subsidiary. Recently California has been experiencing increased earthquake activity, with a strong quake near Santa Barbara occuring last year, and several strong quakes this year in the Santa Cruz Mountain and Livermore Valley areas. It is only a matter of time before the San Luis Obispo area experiences a strong earthquake, and expert geologists have pointed out that southern California is now past the Hundred-year cycle of strong earthquakes that geologicallly appears to exist.

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Living in Washington or the east-coast area, you would probably not be seriously affected by an earthquake and by any accident that may happen at the Diablo Canyon Plant, but as representatives of the federal government, you have a sworn obligation to act in the best interests of the people of this whole country, and that includes us citizens living here in California, who would be seriously affected by an accident at Diablo Canyon.

I realize that a lot of money has been invested in the construction of Diablo Canyon Power Plant, and this money stands to be lost in terms of its investment value if P.G.& E. is denied its operating permit. However, the financial costs and environmental destruction that Californians would incur in the event of an accident there would range into the billions of dollars, as is evident in the near-meltdown of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Facility. Such costs are well beyond the financial losses that PG&E might incur without licensing of the plant, and are totally unacceptable to our society in general.

As well, a recent study by the Natural Resources Defense Council, presented to the California State Government points out that all of California's electricity demands between now and 1995 can be met without any more coal-fired or nuclear-powered electric plants(that means without Diablo Canyon Power Plant coming on line!)!

Therefore, I urge you to deny any and all operating permits for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, a decision that now rests completely in your hands, and one that your commission must make in order to protect the health , safety , and welfare of the people of California.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely, Blair D. Allen