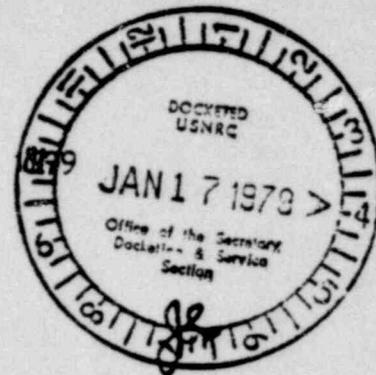


In re: Docket numbers 50-275 and 50-3230L

January 10,



Atomic Safety and Licensing Board  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear sirs:

It is indeed shocking to see that economic considerations are being put ahead of public health and safety in the matter of licensing the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. The Hosgri Fault was discovered long before the Pacific Gas and Electric Company had made a large investment, but steps were not taken to relocate or to redesign the plant to make it capable of withstanding the most severe possible earthquake.

How, in fact, could any plant withstand the violent jolts and twists of a major quake - a not uncommon occurrence in California? Nuclear power plant pipes are notorious for cracking even without seismic disturbances.

How can you dismiss the findings of the U.S. Geological Survey? Surely they are more knowledgeable in the area of fault potentials than is the P.G. & E. or the N.R.C.

How can you gamble the lives of thousands, and the health and well-being of millions of people on the hope that "it won't happen here"? Even the economic cost of an accident at Diablo would be many times the amount invested by the P.G. & E., and it would be borne by the luckless property owners affected, due to the insurance liability limits of the Price-Anderson Act.

Is the function of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the protection of the public, or the promotion of an industry with unresolved safety problems and sky-rocketing costs - an industry that after 30 years still has no plan for disposing of its deadly wastes?

Why are the true costs of nuclear power kept from the public, and major decisions made in private by government and industry, with little public participation?

Why are sincere protestors muzzled and not allowed to present evidence relating to nuclear power in defense of their trespassing charges? They are unjustly sentenced while demonstrating a true concern for the public welfare - a concern that is apparently lacking in the courts and commissions.

I hope that you will recognize your responsibility to guard the public against the dangers of nuclear power, regardless of the costs to a careless utility, and refuse to grant an operating license for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

Sincerely,

*Catherine Warren*

Catherine Warren  
70 Rodeo Ave.  
Sausalito, CA 94965

7901250796