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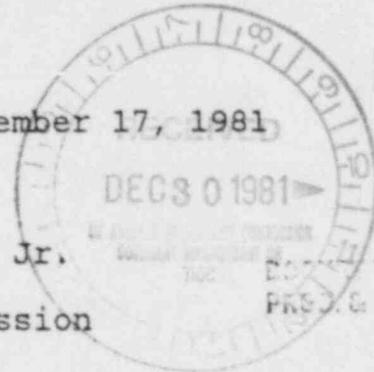
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December 17, 1981



Mr. Nunzio J. Palladino, Jr.
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Chairman Palladino:

Because of the vital necessity of providing an adequate supply of power for Californians, many of us in Congress have followed with great interest the licensing proceedings before you dealing with the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

A critical concern of ours is that the Diablo Canyon plant be operated as safely as possible. Also, we are quite concerned that the licensing process not be unreasonably delayed to the extent that California's needed power supply would be endangered.

It is my understanding that in compliance with a Nuclear Regulatory Commission directive of November 19, 1981, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has submitted to the NRC for approval the names of three engineering consultants who have been retained to conduct an independent design verification program for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The utility also submitted for review an overall management plan for the program. Furthermore, in order to assure the objectivity and independence of the verification program, Pacific Gas and Electric has also retained another consultant to provide a third party overview of both the program and its implementation.

The engineering consultants who have been recommended by PG&E to direct and to carry out the design verification program are considered to be among the most qualified people in the nuclear power industry. On the basis of past performance records, these consultants and their firms have provided engineering services of the highest technical quality for both public and private concerns.

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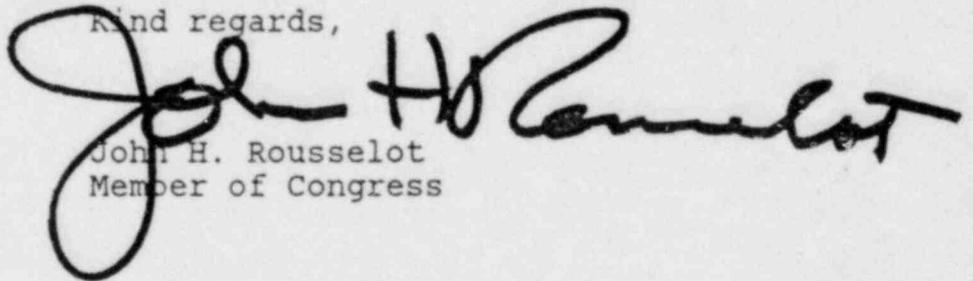
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There are many of us in Congress who would hope that the NRC would act expeditiously to determine the acceptability of PG&E's proposed technicians who would participate in the independent design verification program.

Would you be kind enough to respond to my letter at the earliest possible date?

Kind regards,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John H. Rousselot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

John H. Rousselot
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner John F. Ahearne
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