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NEWS OF SUBSTANDARD COOLANT SAFETY SYSTEMS AT THE TROJAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FURTHER DEMOLISHES PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S CONTENTION THAT IT CAN OPERATE TROJAN SAFELY. IT IS BAD ENOUGH THAT TROJAN FUNCTIONED FOR OVER TWO YEARS WITH A CONTROL BUILDING THAT REMAINS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET FEDERAL EARTHQUAKE STANDARDS.

NOW WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT, IN ADDITION, SAFETY SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO PROTECT AGAINST THE MOST SERIOUS POSSIBLE NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS AT TROJAN DO NOT MEET THE FEDERAL STANDARDS. PGE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE THIS NUCLEAR PLANT. THE DEFECTIVE COOLANT PIPE SYSTEM AFFECTS NOT ONLY THE NUCLEAR REACTOR BUT ALSO THE SPENT FUEL POOL STORAGE AREA FOR NUCLEAR WASTE AT TROJAN. THE MORE WE LEARN ABOUT THE TROJAN PLANT, THE MORE WE DISCOVER THAT TROJAN'S QUALITY CONTROL SITUATION IS A SHODDY MESS WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CATASTROPHE. WE INSIST THAT THE GOVERNMENT FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES BY ORDERING AN INDEPENDENT AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF TROJAN'S SAFETY SYSTEMS AND AYSMAL QUALITY CONTROL. PGE AND THE BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN THAT THEY CANNOT BE RELIED UPON TO INSPECT THEIR OWN FACILITIES, OR

TO RENDER IMPARTIAL JUDGMENTS AS TO THE ADEQUACY OF THEIR OWN WORK. EMERGING EVIDENCE HAS ALREADY PROVED THE PRESSING NEED FOR EXTENSIVE HEARINGS ON THIS MATTER. THE HISTORY OF THE ONGOING FIASCO AT TROJAN DEMANDS THAT AN INDEPENDENT AND FULL INVESTIGATION THOROUGHLY INSPECT TROJAN'S SAFETY SYSTEMS. WE DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROTECT THE PUBLIC RATHER THAN THE NARROW INTERESTS OF PGE AND BECHTEL. THE GOVERNMENT'S TOLERATION OF INCOMPETENCE BY THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY CAN ONLY FURTHER DEEPEN THE PUBLIC'S DISTRUST OF NUCLEAR POWER.

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