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Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Palladino:

I am gravely concerned about the prospect of a premature decision to relicense the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, on the central coast of California. Given the history of problems and mistakes at this plant, I implore you to hold off on a licensing decision until the completion and evaluation of all safety hearings, and the completion and evaluation of the design review you ordered in 1981. NRC hearings on design problems will not begin until late October, and the design review will not be completed until sometime after the September 21, date tentatively established for a Commission vote on relicensing.

Additionally, plant modifications may be required as a result of either the design hearings or the final design review. Those modifications must be made prior to plant operation.

A nuclear plant that sits next to an active earthquake fault, in a seismically active area must be subjected to the most rigorous standards if the health and safety of California residents is to be adequately protected.

Sincerely,

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