

Congress of the United States
 Washington, DC 20515

August 2, 1991

Mr. Ivan Selin
 Chairman
 Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to let you know of our serious concerns with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards' (ACRS) decision to schedule its meeting to discuss the results of the Long-Term Seismic Program (LTSP) for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant on August 7 and 8 in Bethesda, Maryland, and to request that this meeting be postponed and held in San Luis Obispo County, California at a later date.

The ACRS has scheduled this meeting to review the Commission's recently released Safety Evaluation Report related to Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) LTSP for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. The Commission required PG&E to develop and implement a LTSP when Diablo Canyon was issued its full-power license in 1984 due to the Plant's close proximity to the offshore Hosgri fault. PG&E's final plan for its LTSP was completed in July of 1988 and subsequently reviewed by the Commission, the U.S. Geological Survey, and other independent consultants contracted by the Commission.

In reviewing PG&E's LTSP, the U.S. Geological Survey expressed particular concern with the accuracy of the report's conclusions relating to the "nature" of the nearby Hosgri fault and noted that the fault may be significantly more volatile than previously believed. The threat of an earthquake could place the Plant and surrounding populations in unacceptable jeopardy.

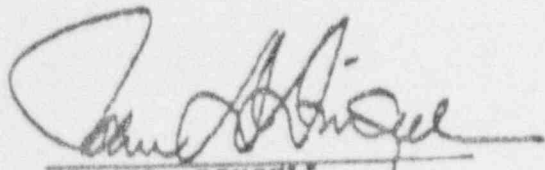
Obviously, the long-term seismic safety of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant is of great concern to the residents of San Luis Obispo County. We believe it is only fair and reasonable to request that the ACRS hold its hearing on the LTSP for Diablo Canyon in San Luis Obispo County so the people most affected by the Plant's operation will have the opportunity to attend, or testify at, the ACRS hearing.

While the ACRS normally meets in Maryland we understand that it has, on several occasions, held field hearings at nuclear plant sites across the country. The gravity of the potential threat posed to the residents of San Luis Obispo County by the Plant's proximity to the Hosgri fault warrants special action by the ACRS. We respectfully request that you direct the ACRS to postpone the August 7 and 8 hearing and re-schedule this hearing in San Luis Obispo County to allow for the full and active participation of interested County residents in this important hearing process.

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Your prompt and favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

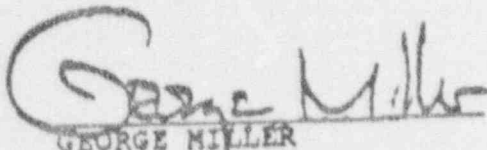
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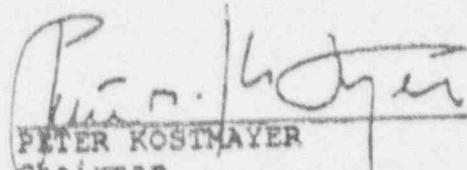
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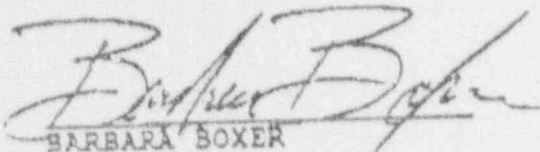
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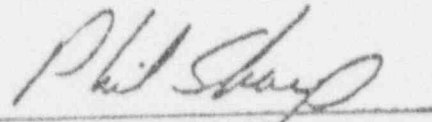
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