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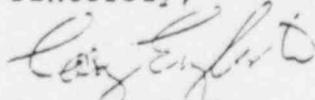
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Dr. Victor Gilinsky
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Dr. Gilinsky:

Please carefully consider the comments addressed to Chairman Pallidino in the enclosed letter. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



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Dr. Nunzio J. Pallidino
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Dear Dr. Pallidino:

As you are aware, nuclear plants, when constructed and operated with the highest quality standards, are clearly safer and more efficient than most conventional power sources. The NRC serves a vital function in protecting the health and safety of the public by ensuring the quality of construction and operation of nuclear plants. The integrity of the NRC review process, which has been boosted by your recent licensing refusals, must be held at the highest standards in order for public confidence in the nuclear industry to increase. Unless this confidence is increased, there will be only a very limited nuclear future in the United States.

Just so clearly as the potential safety of nuclear power is the failure of PG&E to maintain quality standards in the construction of the Diablo Canyon facility. In addition to the well-publicized interchange of unit one and two blueprints, and the miscalculation of the weight of the annulus, PG&E has failed to abide by NRC quality standards and cannot document the quality control in its early work.

If PG&E were a defense contractor, as is my current employer, the plant could not be accepted for purchase unless quality was completely documented. There would be no discussion of the "safety significance" of non-compliance. It either meets quality standards or it doesn't.

PG&E's haste to build the plant in disregard for NRC regulation and its staffing it with inexperienced personnel is an affront to the regulatory process and to the public health and safety. For the NRC to sanction this behavior would cause a devastating blow to public confidence and to the future of nuclear power. To refuse to license the plant unless NRC quality standards are documented throughout the construction process would be a step toward opening the door to further nuclear development in the future.

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Please consider, before licensing low-power testing at Diablo, the effect this action could have toward narrowing other options for the facility. I am suggesting to PB&E that it is in the best interest of its stockholders and the public that it serves to write off its losses and donate the Diablo Canyon site to the State or to a non-profit foundation as a nuclear energy museum. Tax credits offer healthy economic incentives to add to the public relations value of this alternative. In addition to benefiting the company and its customers, this action would also create a way for the nuclear energy advocates to promote more awareness about nuclear energy. It would also be a monument to the quality standards of the industry upheld by the NRC. Actual fission at the plant would make this and other proposals more difficult and less attractive.

I am available for questions during working hours at (805) 968-3511, extension 2864.

Sincerely,



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