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Re: Storage of Nuclear Waste at <sup>OF</sup> ~~Diablo~~ Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket Nos. 50-275-OLA and 50-323-OLA

Dear Sir,

I want to add my voice to those that will be heard at the public hearing in Avila Beach on June 15. Because of commitments at work, I will be unable to attend.

It appears to me that we have gotten into a very difficult situation because the long-term safety issues were not addressed much earlier in the process of planning, constructing, and then beginning to operate the Diablo Canyon plant. It was apparent from the start that the plant would not only produce electricity but also radioactive waste. PG&E made careful plans and predictions for the electricity but little attention was given by either PG&E or the NRC to the disposition of the radioactive waste to be also generated.

The matter is crucial. The time for careful consideration is now and cannot be delayed. The health and safety of not only present residents of the area are at risk, but this is a risk that will NOT just "go away" or "fade into a safe state" or "be taken care of in a few years by nature and natural processes". We know that this radioactive material will be dangerous to the environment and to humans for a very long time. It is extremely irresponsible to produce something we know to be toxic and lethal, to store it using a method we know to be unsafe, and to assume that the Federal Government or future generations of scientists will somehow neutralize the hazard we have left.

It is becoming increasingly clear that long-term storage of nuclear waste is not an easy problem to solve. By simply increasing the amount that can be kept at Diablo Canyon, we are not helping to solve the problem. We are only magnifying it. By crowding the waste into the spent fuel pools which are located next to an active earthquake fault, PG&E is creating a situation even more hazardous than what now exists.

When will the Nuclear Regulatory Commission take seriously its role to protect public health and safety and say "enough is enough"?

Sincerely,

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