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2015 IEPR Update Outline

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Unfortunately, the California Energy Commission's Draft 2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) fails to support nuclear power, and does not include an explicit path towards compliance with mandated emission targets in Executive Order B-30-15 and Assembly Bill 32. It also does not conform with the EPA Clean Power Plan "all of the above" energy strategy, and will not meet global warming targets in the Paris Climate Change Agreement, if Diablo Canyon is closed.

In 2011, the California Council on Science and Technology performed an analysis on behalf of the California Energy Commission, which concluded nuclear power must grow seven-fold — from about 15 percent of the state's electricity mix to 65 percent by 2050, to meet demand and emission targets. That means the state would need to add the equivalent of one new Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant every 4 - 5 years!

Clearly, the Draft 2015 IEPR must be revised immediately to support an "all of the above" energy strategy, as recommended in "docketed comments" from Californians for Green Nuclear Power advocates, concerned scientists and community development specialists: http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/15-IEPR-01/TN206418_20151023T095707_Kirk_Gothier_Comments_2015_IEPR_Update_Outline.pdf.

There is a strong scientific consensus that nuclear energy must play a major role in meeting the State's emission targets. Closing down Diablo Canyon would move California in the opposite direction.