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Sample of Media Coverage Regarding Californians for Green Nuclear Power (CGNP)

Here is the photos and text from newspaper coverage of Californians for Green Nuclear Power <http://www.CGNP.org> by the Lompoc Record. This article also appeared in several other papers published by the parent firm including the much-larger Santa Maria Times. Our independent group's pioneering advocacy for the continued safe operation of Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) is unique. It has been covered by local and national media outlets. Our group is solely dependent on private donations from our members, who contribute their time and money as interested citizens. We do not receive PUC intervenor funds from California ratepayers. Our research notes the multiple hundreds of dollars per hour via the intervenor system being received by attorneys for organizations opposed to nuclear power in California.

CGNP members consider such intervenor payments to represent a conflict of interest, as the biggest intervenor group (TURN) which supported the shutdown of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) in San Clemente, CA will receive an estimated over \$7 million dollars from the PUC intervenor system. Ratepayers, on the other hand will be liable for an estimated \$3.5 BILLION in increased power costs in addition to the approximately \$4 Billion held in escrow for the premature shutdown of SONGS in February, 2012. Additional electric transmission capacity will need to be added to insure grid stability. These societal costs illustrate the moral hazard of the intervenor system.

(In contrast, CGNP advocates for a SONGS restart with a NRC LAR so that the abundant emissions-free nuclear power that SONGS could be generating would be available for pressing problems in California such as providing the large amount of electric power necessary to power desalination stations in California. California needs those desalination stations as a consequence of the burning of fossil fuels causing climate change, which has tended to deprive California of much-needed rainfall and snowfall over the past few decades. Climate scientists have raised concerns about the current California drought likely to be of a much longer duration.)

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Joe Ivora holds two signs during the rally and demonstration of Californians for Green Nuclear Power on Monday in front of the County Government Center.

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Several people holding up signs during the rally and demonstration of Californians for Green Nuclear Power on Monday in front of the San Luis Obispo County Government building. Phil Klein/Contributor



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Mel Silva, center, waves at traffic holding her sign during the Californians for Green Nuclear Power rally Monday in front of the County Government Center in downtown San Luis Obispo.


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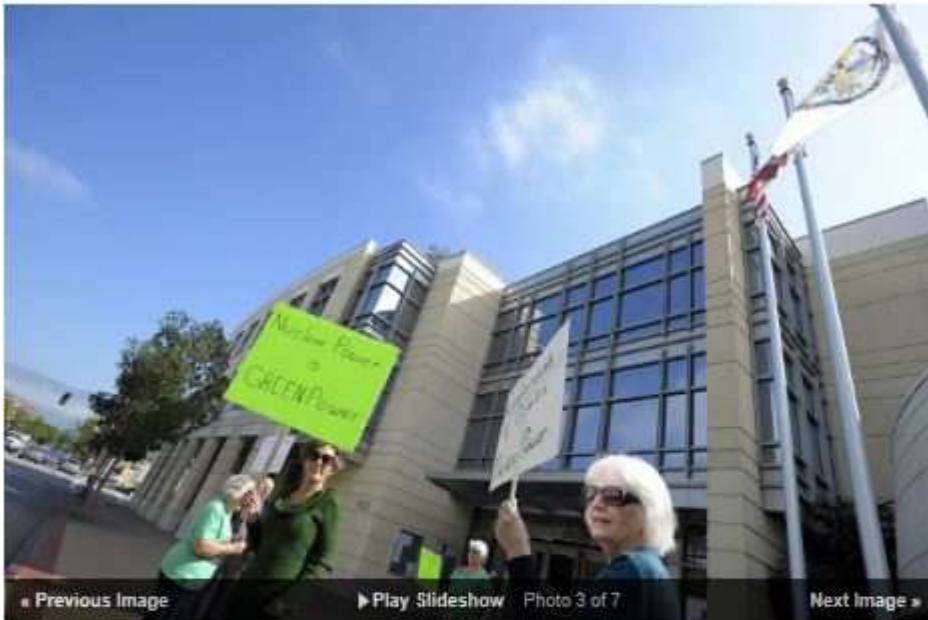
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Left, Beth Pechmann and Elle Ripley hold their signs during the rally and demonstration of Californians for Green Nuclear Power on Monday in front of the San Luis Obispo County Government building. Phil Klein/Contributor

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Twelve-year-old, Greta Pechmann looks at her cell phone behind her sign during the rally and demonstration of Californians for Green Nuclear Power on Monday in front of the San Luis Obispo County Government building. Phil Klein/Contributor

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For the first time in the 40-plus-year history of San Luis Obispo County's only nuclear power plant, individuals gathered Monday to support Diablo Canyon's continued operation rather than oppose it.

"It's always been the adversaries," Ellie Ripley, of Arroyo Grande, said about the several decades worth of protests and public outcry aimed at closing [Diablo Canyon Power Plant](#). "Not all nuclear plants have adversaries."

Ripley was among a group of about 20 people that lined a section of Monterey Street in front of the County Government Center in downtown San Luis Obispo on Presidents Day sporting green shirts and signs supporting Diablo Canyon and "green nuclear power."

"There's a lot of misunderstanding about nuclear power," Ripley added. "We want to reverse that and keep Diablo Canyon running. We want to bring positive awareness to the community about nuclear power."

Diablo Canyon, a twin-reactor facility, was constructed in the early 1980s, with the reactors coming online in 1985 and 1986, respectively. The plant is owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and sits on the coast between Avila Beach and Los Osos.

Over the years, the nuclear plant has been at the forefront of numerous government meetings where watchdog groups like [Mothers for Peace](#) have repeatedly called for its closure.

A voice for those such as Ripley, who led tours at Diablo Canyon for 23 years, was often silenced by the voices against nuclear energy, which is why Orcutt resident Bill Gloege formed the all-citizens group, Californians for Green Nuclear Power, and helped organize Monday's rally, he said.

"I was frustrated by all the false information put out about nuclear power," Gloege said. "I knew it wasn't true."

Members of Californians for Green Nuclear Power (CGNP) believe nuclear power is the cleanest and most reliable source of energy available and would like to see the technology embraced rather than protested against.

"It's a real powerful way to generate power without any carbon dioxide," said Gene Nelson, CGNP government liaison. "That's a big, big difference (from fossil fuels)."

Group members hope by holding rallies and speaking at public meetings in support of Diablo Canyon, their efforts will encourage others to learn about nuclear energy and what they call "green power," which doesn't harness the sun or wind to produce energy.

"Global warming is the real bogey man coming after us (not nuclear energy)," Gloege said. "That's what I am afraid of."

Californians for Green Nuclear Power meets twice monthly in Pismo Beach and welcome new members.

For more information, visit www.cgnp.org.

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COMMENTS

DrGeneNelson - 12 minutes ago

As a member of Californians for Green Nuclear Power, I'm grateful for the Santa Maria Times coverage of our Diablo Canyon Power Plant support rally on Monday, February 16 in San Luis Obispo. We send a big "Thank you!" message to Reporter April Charlton and to Photographer Phil Klein.

Bill G1 - 4 hours ago

The US Navy has used nuclear power with perfect success for over 65 years with tens of thousands of crew sleeping and working mere feet from powerful reactors. Not a single injury or death from radiation protestors say will happen.

The Navy did not believe the scary stories protestors told and reaped decades of rewards from this clean power source. America and the planet must follow the Navy's fine example or suffer the worst global warming will bring to us and our home planet.