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Closing Diablo Canyon Would be a Huge Climate Mistake

Very little needs to be said to explain the gravity of the situation with Diablo Canyon. The facility produces 2X more electricity than all the state's solar panels. It is imperative that Diablo Canyon continue to be operated safely and efficiently, and California would do well to make sure that those objectives are met. However, shutting it down in response to such concerns would be disastrous for climate goals. Do not be deceived by the thought of replacing Diablo Canyon with renewables. I would be ecstatic if we could build that much additional renewable capacity and I hope that we will. If Diablo Canyon continues to operate all of that additional capacity will replace fossil fuels rather than our most reliable source of clean energy in the state. Wouldn't you rather the construction of renewables go towards meeting climate targets, and not simply be used to play catch up and atone for bad energy policy?