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Do NOT keep Diablo Canyon Open Beyond its Scheduled Closure Date

Diablo Canyon should close at the scheduled closure date. There are many reasons:

1. Over 3.5 million pounds of irradiated nuclear waste on our coastline. We don't need more, and there is nowhere for it to go. San Luis Obispo County is already a nuclear waste dump. Why would the State of California desire for this dump to be expanded without any final repository site even selected?
2. The ISFSI is full - PG&E would either have to build a new ISFSI (at great expense to the ratepayers) or store the irradiated waste indefinitely in cooling pools that are much more dangerous than dry cask storage.
3. Four active earthquake faults underlie Diablo Canyon's reactors and ISFSI. If there were a catastrophic accident with a radioactive release at Diablo Canyon, California's economy - and all the future generations - would be tainted.
4. Since the announcement of closure in 2016, PG&E has deferred important maintenance at Diablo Canyon. The public deserves to know exactly how and IF this maintenance can be accomplished, and how much it will cost. Likewise, they have deferred seismic analysis, leading to major uncertainty about seismic safety.
5. We still have 1.5 years left on Unit 1's life and 2 years for Unit 2. By the time the scheduled shutdown happens, California will have adequate backup energy storage to meet the needs of the grid.