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## **Close Diablo Canyon**

For 50 years my hometown community has lived with the threat of the horrendous scenarios that could happen should something go wrong at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. As a teacher in our local elementary schools for nearly 30 years, I practiced Diablo drills several times a year, accompanying my students to the gym where they were directed to wait quietly until our turn to practice loading a bus which would purportedly take us out of danger.

Over, and over again, I replayed this frightening scenario in my mind. How would busloads of school children get to safety during an actual nuclear emergency, when everyone would be trying to leave the area? Who would be with my own children? Would we lose our home, our livelihoods, our lives?

If Diablo Canyon poses no threat, why do we practice these drills? Why do they test sirens in our area several times a year, in case they are needed to alert us of catastrophic disaster?

The one thing that gave me some peace of mind, was knowing that Diablo's™ lifespan was limited. I looked forward to the time when we would no longer have to worry about these things. Now, after we had been promised that Diablo would be shut down in 2016, Governor Newsom is considering leaving it open. This must not be allowed to happen! Our community has suffered enough anxiety over this poorly thought out plant. Who builds a nuclear plant on an earthquake fault in the first place?

Diablo is seismically vulnerable. The plant is old and maintenance has been deferred. Where/how will this extra high level radioactive waste be stored? Diablo's™ Once Through Cooling system is now unlawful. How will that be rectified?

California is a state with the ability to produce power from the sun and the wind. The energy commission should be focusing on sustainable, clean energy, for ourselves and for those who come after us. I'm asking that the commission do the right thing, and correct the wrong that our community suffered 50 years ago. Close Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant once and for all!