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Diablo Canyon should close as planned

As a local resident living in the zone where iodine pills are offered in case of nuclear accident at Diablo Canyon NPP, I strongly object to changing course to keep the plant open past its scheduled closure date.

PG&E has a horrible safety record. Earlier this year, PG&E completed its 5-year criminal probation for San Bruno gas line explosion convictions. "During these five years of criminal probation, we have tried hard to rehabilitate PG&E,― U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup wrote. "As the supervising district judge, however, I must acknowledge failure ... While on probation, PG&E has set at least 31 wildfires, burned nearly one and one-half million acres, burned 23,956 structures, and killed 113 Californians … In these five years, PG&E has gone on a crime spree and will emerge from probation as a continuing menace to California.―

Once-through cooling continues to cause harm to the marine environment and ocean wildlife. The plant is built near an earthquake fault, and construction more than half a century ago was incorrect at the time and inadequate. There is still nowhere to permanently store the plant's nuclear waste. And finally, keeping Diablo Canyon online longer doesn't help move California toward a cleaner, greener future. Efforts would be better spent on energy sources like wind and solar instead of patching up a dangerous dinosaur to keep it limping along. Close Diablo Canyon NPP as planned.