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## **Oppose the Prolongation of Diablo Canyon**

I oppose any attempt to prolong the sunseting of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant

The operation of Diablo discourages the use of renewables. Diablo is old and unreliable. Maintenance has been deferred. The last replacement for aging parts resulted in a seven-month periodic shutdown of Unit 2 during 2020-21. PG&E is a corporate felon, responsible for nearly 100 deaths, thousands of homes and businesses burned to the ground, and hundreds of thousands of acres scorched. PG&E can not be trusted. Diablo is seismically vulnerable. It sits near multiple active earthquake faults. The proposal to extend the operation would violate the closure agreement established in 2016 and codified by the California legislature and the CPUC in 2018. Ratepayers and taxpayers have already paid out \$85 million in mitigating costs to the impacted communities and millions more toward decommissioning costs. Finally, a Just Transition agreement that compensates the potentially adversely affected workers has already been approved.

Where/how will this extra high-level radioactive waste be stored? Currently, there are only plans for the storage of waste generated through 2025.

Diablo's once-through cooling system is now unlawful. How will that be rectified? Has the cost to construct a compliant cooling system been calculated?

In short, this is a sop to the nuclear industry which is dying and not soon enough, Don't turn back the clock.