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## **Keep Diablo Canyon Operating to Fight Climate Change**

Please stop the early retirement of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. Continued operation will prevent blackouts, save money, and help reduce CO2 emissions. We need more nuclear energy, not less.

Nuclear power plants have saved many thousands of premature deaths around the world from the pollution released from plants burning fossil fuels.

It has also prevented millions of tons of additional atmospheric carbon from warming the oceans, bleaching the reefs, and changing the pH of those waters that now allow the creatures at the base of the food chain to thrive by capturing dissolved carbon for their skeletons, leaving it permanently stored in deep sea beds.

California has been blessed by hundreds of years of ample resources for a growing population, but drought and temperature changes have already harmed our formerly abundant agriculture. The next generation will either adapt, or become climate migrants like so many around the world already are. It would be unethical to shut Diablo Canyon down in the face of this dire climate crisis.