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## **Keep Diablo Canyon Open**

Keeping Diablo Canyon open is expected to reduce air pollution, bolster grid security and reliability, reduce reliance on gas, and allow California to continue to make progress toward carbon emissions goals (Aborn et al. 2021). The effects of climate change have been felt more than ever in North America this year, with ongoing heat waves and relentless wildfires that will not let up anytime soon. California, like many states, faces overwhelming energy demand that it cannot meet. Closing Diablo Canyon now (which provides 2,256 MW of generation) will result in complete instability, presenting a choice to accept ongoing brown- and blackouts or an all too familiar return to reliance on fossil fuels (or, very likely, both). Nuclear power will be an essential part of the energy transition, and this is the junction at which it is most crucial. For the well being of California's residents and the possibility of a clean energy future, Diablo Canyon must stay open.