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## **SAVE DIABLO CANYON - Good for Californians, good for the environment!**

There is no rational reason for closing California's only source of clean, baseload electricity. Each year, Diablo Canyon Power Plant prevents 9 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> from being emitted into the atmosphere - the equivalent of taking 1.7 million cars off the road.

The plant provides over 800 skilled, full-time jobs in San Luis Obispo County, and its construction costs will be completely recovered by 2026. Together with support businesses, it contributes an estimated \$1 billion to California's economy each year. If our Public Utilities Commission proceeds with plans to replace Diablo's baseload generation with imported gas and coal-fired electricity, it will drain California of that much in taxable revenue each year " and all the benefits those taxes provide for California residents.

Fears about Diablo Canyon and earthquakes are wildly overblown. How much? In 1993, Brookhaven National Laboratory undertook a Probabilistic Risk Assessment to find out. Scientists determined that after considering the risk of earthquakes, operator error, equipment failures, and other factors, the probability Diablo might experience a meltdown was once every 10,500 years. The results were reviewed and confirmed after the accident at Fukushima-Daiichi.

Californians for Green Nuclear Power thanks Governor Newsom for his courageous decision to reconsider closing the plant. Though it was the right decision, saving Diablo Canyon is only a start. California will need more safe, reliable nuclear plants like it to meet its climate goals; to provide power needed for charging electric cars and running the desalination plants that will provide our fresh water in coming years.

Save Diablo Canyon " good for Californians, good for the environment!