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## **Do not extend operations at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant**

As a Californian and PG&E customer I write to urge you to close the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant as originally scheduled. Do not extend its operating license.

California has an opportunity to leave the 20th Century flirtation with nuclear power behind and, instead, lead the 21st Century green energy transformation, with its emphasis on conservation and renewables.

The Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant has been problem-plagued since its construction days. It is now old and replacement parts will only become more and more difficult to get and install - and aging creates its own additional dangers as well.

Also re: aging, I believe that the regulations have changed regarding once-through cooling, and the Diablo Canyon NPP uses an antiquated system of once through cooling.

Further, Diablo Canyon was constructed near multiple earthquake faults. We Californians have been lucky so far, but tomorrow may bring another, far different earthquake story.

Finally, I remain concerned about the environmentally irresponsible practice of creating nuclear waste (particularly spent fuel rods) for which there is no truly safe storage and no viable long-term disposal. Creating radioactive wastes that will remain hazardous for approximately 240,000 years meets my definition of crazy. Especially when it is elective!

Why, when we Californians have other energy sources and do not require (in the final analysis) the energy to be created at the Diablo Canyon NPP would we not close it? We should do so.

Our focus should be on safe and secure closure, not continued operation.

Best,  
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