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Continue the scheduled shut down of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant

Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant was first built in 1969, in the Coastal Zone (it would be illegal to site it there now), and built backwards. One of the towers at the plant was constructed backwards and needed to be retrofitted to be operative. This was before they found all those earthquake faults underneath or nearby, more than six.

That plant is a deadly accident waiting to happen. We who live downwind (millions of us) have dodged a bullet, so far. It's rusting, breaking down, and since they've been shutting it down it's no longer easy to get it back running without rebuilding it... again. That would be prohibitively costly and not worth the small climate benefit. It's a better use of the money to go after methane leaks.

The operator, PG&E, has broken its word and the law, time and time again. People died when their facilities exploded in Oakland. They have lost many lawsuits and have been fined heavily.

Most don't know it, but PG&E is legally protected from liability for a nuclear accident. If there is one, the State of California pays.

It would be more cost effective and useful to convert Diablo Canyon to battery storage for renewable energy, or to connect Diablo to an offshore wind farm. This would be a powerful addition to California's renewable portfolio.

The spent nuclear fuel rods in wet storage need to go into much safer dry cask storage, and moved away from sea level rise. This needs to happen regardless. It will be costly. This is another factor.

Committees for Land, Air, Water and Species opposes any plan to re-start Diablo Canyon. We live downwind.

Best regards,
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