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As a former California resident of 42 years, a building designer and engineer, I urge this Commission and the governor to decommission the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant as soon as possible. In 1977, I was arrested protesting the plant because, as a Civil Engineer, I was--and continue to be--appalled that this plant has been allowed to operate. During the construction phase it was discovered that the ominous siting of this massive structure over the Hosgri earthquake fault came to light. It is a complete miracle that the fault has stayed active but quiet over these 40 years. To continue operation is nothing short of tempting the devil, so to speak. Moreover, due to the likely saturation of the containment vessel with radiation--which compromises the structure--it is beyond time for retirement. All remaining efforts should be focused on securing the spent fuel rods which are deadly radioactive emitters and must essentially be guarded for the next 10,000 years due to their half life. The plant has served its purpose. Please decommission it before great harm comes to the citizenry. Thank you.