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Diablo Canyon shut down

A whole lot of work went into the decision to shut down Diablo Canyon: deep cost-benefit analysis and detailed planning. Let's stick with that, and with a fast path to clean, reliable energy.

Baseload power creates a mismatch for cheaper, cleaner wind and solar energy, and a more difficult-to-manage system. Big chunks of inflexible power do not address peak usage problems, which are better addressed by responsive storage and shifting demand.

My son's Boy Scout troop was camped near Three Mile Island when it had an unplanned discharge, decades ago. This was a relatively minor problem but it created serious public concern for populations in both Pennsylvania and Maryland for many weeks. Diablo Canyon operating beyond its design life in a seismically unstable area has potential to impact a much larger population than that affected by the Three Mile Island incident.