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Please notify the Energy Commissioners by 4pm today that thousands of Ca voters have been trying to comment that the deadline for closing the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant must NOT be extended.

It must be shut down as scheduled in 2025 at the latest. It endangers us all and, preferably, would be shut down immediately!

It is seismically unsafe (4 earthquake faults!), is now weakened due to aging, and was never safe to begin with, a Fukushima Daiichi level disaster waiting to happen.

2nd notice — The **CA Energy Commission public e-comment system is BROKEN**. Your voicemailboxes re e-commenting are both “full” so we can’t complain/explain by phone or submit a public comment in that manner..

We have received no reply to our initial complaint sent Aug 17 at 11:47 am to e-CommentingHelp.

When we attempt to submit our e-comments, it says “error.” The only “error” is that under “Subject” there is no drop down menu to choose a subject, and if we type in a subject, It says “not found.”

This incompetency is unacceptable. Any decision to extend Diablo past 2025 must be delayed by at least two weeks to allow for adequate public comment. Better yet, vote today to shut down the hazard asap, by 2025 at the latest.

Or is this not incompetence but intentional abrogation of any real attempt to receive public comments? Are we that removed from any semblance of democratic process now?

We're all endangered by continued operation of these two unmaintained reactors run by a serially convicted felon corporation, PG&E. Your families' safety are put at risk as well.

Vehemently concerned,
Mary Beth Brangan

P.S. Attached is my full statement of opposition to continued operation

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An extension of operation for Diablo Canyon would be a monumental mistake.

All the arguments presented for continued operation of Diablo Canyon demonstrate how centralized power grids, using huge base loads such as Diablo Canyon reactors, are hopelessly outdated. Micro-grids provide the flexibility and resilience required for the modern renewable-energy-based grid.

However, for many years additional renewables and solar capacity have been thwarted by the base load of Diablo Canyon which is inflexible and must operate 24/7. The legacy IOU utilities blocked additional renewable energy sources and conservation in many ways politically and legally and crucial interties were also blocked. Despite this, the equivalent of Diablo's energy output has already been replaced on our grid many times over. We certainly don't need its energy output and in fact, it prevents the efficient uptake of renewable energy. PG&E actually said this in their 2016 agreement to close it by 2024/25. Additionally, PG&E has lost approximately half their customer base who have fled to CCA's throughout the state.

All pro-Diablo extension speakers have said safety is paramount. However, among other dangers, they ignore the routine release during normal operation of Diablo Canyon (and of all nuclear reactors) of extremely dangerous, long-lived radioisotopes and fission products into the air, ocean and water.

And by the way, carbon IS produced, not only during the mining, fuel fabrication and construction of these behemoth industrial sites, but also during normal reactor operation. And it's RADIOACTIVE CARBON – Carbon14!

Plus, the constant production of spent nuclear fuel, the most dangerous substance produced by humans that lasts millions of years and for which there is no adequate management plan, will continue to accumulate onsite in thin steel canisters prone to stress corrosion cracking.

This tyrannical, undemocratic process where Gavin Newsom exempts all legal environmental protections is disgusting and risks the health and viability of our beautiful state.

Don't commit this monumental mistake!

Mary Beth Brangan