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Joint-Agency Workshop on Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant

My husband and I are unable to attend the Joint-Agency Workshop on Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant to discuss a possible extension on the closure of the plant. It is important to us to register our strong objections to this proposal.

Due to the unconscionable intransigence and obstinance of the fossil fuel industry and their enablers in Congress, we are perilously close to an irreversible climate catastrophe. The situation forces us to examine some rather unpalatable options to avert a disastrous outcome, including carbon capture and keeping existing nuclear plants running.

Although we can reluctantly support keeping some nuclear plants in the nation running, Diablo Canyon is not one of them. Diablo is inherently unsafe due to its proximity to the Los Osos, Hosgri, San Andreas and Shoreline faults. Years of effort have already been spent on developing and implementing a closure agreement for this plant. Maintenance has been deferred in anticipation of its imminent closure. The plant is increasingly old and unreliable. No permanent solutions for safely storing the radioactive waste onsite have ever been identified.

Extending the life of Diablo would be a huge mistake. The funding required to upgrade the plant to extend its life would be much better spent on accelerating the implementation of new energy conservation measures and sources of renewable energy. We need to move forward – not backward. Please reject this proposal.