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Dear Commissioners:

I urge you to keep Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP) on schedule to shut down in 2025. As a San Luis Obispo County resident about 8 miles from DCNPP, I get a little upset when panels of prestige- and privilege-laden scientists who don't live anywhere near DCNPP-- and whose fields of expertise often lie far afield from nuclear power-- argue to keep this 50-year-old power plant up and running, taxing complex aged hardware and generating extra nuclear waste past 2025. It becomes increasingly and unacceptably risky to run this complex facility past its design lifetime. It may be possible to build modern-generation nuclear plants to operate safely, but never on the cheap. Bringing this old plant up to safe modern standards would cost so many billions of dollars, it would make the electricity generated ridiculously expensive-- far more expensive than solar or wind generation! And doing so would negatively signal the market for such truly renewable energy sources, when we need to put all our energy (so to speak...) into solar and wind development in CA.

NASA would never risk astronaut lives on a 50-year old rocket with antiquated technology-- and the US Department of Energy and CEC should not keep using our beautiful Central Coast as a sacrifice zone by running DCNPP into an uncertain future past 2025!