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Keep Diablo Canyon Operating

Keeping Diablo Canyon operating at rated capacity is the best option for California to keep Californian's electricity bills manageable while also not emitting any carbon dioxide. As a person who is working in the energy industry, I have experience with solar, wind, fossil fuel, and nuclear power plants. Nuclear power plants are not to be feared. They are the best source of reliable, emission-free base-load electricity available. They have an excellent safety record as they are operated and maintained by skilled and diligent personnel. Regarding the nuclear "waste" issue, this is, in reality, a solved problem (keeping the waste on-site in heavily armored containers is a solution that works for the next 25+ years).

Keeping Diablo Canyon operating means that less land would be needed for a solar field or wind farm. This is the best way to preserve the natural beauty of California and the natural habitats of all animals. As a zero-emission power plant, Diablo Canyon is a source of "clean" energy and should be considered as such. Beyond just keeping Diablo Canyon open, California's electricity companies should start planning for more nuclear power, not less.