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Diablo Canyon Must Close

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.

The shutdown of Diablo Canyon was also legally agreed to in a binding contract. This contract should not be broken for the profit of PG&E.

Diablo Canyon should never have been built in the first place! Having an aging nuclear reactor sitting in the midst of many active earthquake fault lines does not seem like a smart decision. One earthquake in the region could blanket the entire state in a radioactive cloud. When we have excellent solar and wind technology, why should we support this risk?!

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.

Nuclear is a brittle source of power, especially in hot weather, and losing big chunks of inflexible power is a disaster. Far from stabilizing the grid, Diablo Canyon reduces the power available during peak times because system operators need to reserve power sources in case the facility has to shut down. It will cost taxpayers and ratepayers BILLIONS to keep Diablo Canyon online. This money is far better spent on 21st century technologies.