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Thanks.

Bob

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I read in the OCRegister (7-30-09 - Hot to the Touch) that 19 coastal power plants in California (including San Onofre) would be mostly prohibited from using ocean water to cool their hot equipment under strict new rules drafted by the State. This is estimated to cost \$5.6 BILLION to refit old plants with new cooling technology and/or force their early shutdown.

This causes me concern. We already have a shortage of electricity. I signed up with Edison so they can shut off our air conditioner when they have a shortage. They did that once last year--the first time ever. These power plants were built near the coast specifically so they could use the ocean water. We need more nuclear plants to generate clean energy. France generates nearly 80% of its energy from nuclear plants.

Electric cars--there is a big push for "plug-in hybrids". Where is the electricity going to come from? Coal plants in Arizona?

The excuse is potential damage to marine life--seals and sea lions, but they are plentiful. They have become a nuisance in local harbors, particularly Newport where they have sank at least one boat and ruined others by climbing aboard and defecating. Locals brag about the good fishing near San Onofre.

Please consider the damage these new rules will cause.

Thank you.

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