

In light of the disastrous events in Japan, it is time to phase out California's nuclear reactors.

I support and applaud Governor Brown's directive of 33% renewable energy by 2020. I also applaud the decision made by Germany to phase out nuclear power plants. I do NOT support nuclear power plants in California. Many of the facilities are old and antiquated. We need to examine the calamity that occurred in Fukushima, Japan.

This type of disaster could certainly happen in California. I don't believe anyone would have predicted or imagined the worst-case-scenario happening at the Fukushima Daichi nuclear power plants and yet it did.

Additionally, human error and equipment failure which precipitated Chernobyl and Three-Mile-Island nuclear disasters remain real possibilities in California. These reactors can become disabled or dangerous as a result of earthquakes, equipment failure, aging infrastructure, human error, even terrorism and sabotage.

There are also current problems with our nuclear reactors that are inescapable and dangerous:

Disposal of spent fuel rods has no safe solution.

The coastal reactors in San Onofre and Diablo Canyon require a more comprehensive evacuation and containment of radiation. There are potentially larger populations affected than in Fukushima, Japan.

The risk of nuclear disaster may be low but when it happens, the costs are unimaginable. There are better sources for energy in California. Please, consider shutting down the coastal nuclear reactors in California.

Respectfully,

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