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It is time to phase out California's nuclear reactors for many reasons -

The recent events at the Fukushima nuclear plant, as also the incidents at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island have made it very evident that we are not yet able to effectively counter the damage to nuclear reactors caused by natural disasters, or accidents, or intentional malicious acts. The possibilities of natural disaster have and will increase as the world climate changes and weather patterns get more extreme. In addition, Southern California is an active seismic zone and the danger of a major earthquake is ever present.

Considering the geography around the San Onofre and the Diablo Canyon nuclear facilities, and the density of population in these areas, it becomes apparent that emergency evacuation plans are inadequate. Is any amount of energy generated by these nuclear plants worth the real risk of devastating and long term radiation that could result from a mishap? Would it not serve our future generations better to invest in safer energy technologies?

Also, we still have not worked out a safe and permanent solution for storing (or disposing off) spent nuclear waste.

California has been a leader and trend setter in addressing the environmental problems of the country - I hope it will continue to lead the way to a safer energy future.

I respectfully request the CEC to recommend shutting down the nuclear reactors on California's coast.

Sincerely  
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