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To the California Energy Commission,

We are at RISK! This is not a theory, it is a fact. I, along with many others, were against nuclear power plants some 35 to 40 years ago, but we only had theoretical risks to be considered plus the physics didn't make sense. Today, we have three, hard factual examples of what could happen in Southern California.

Now stop a minute, close your eyes, and image a catastrophic accident at SONGS. Millions of people displaced, assuming they can get out of the evacuation zone safely. Where would we go? No housing, no food, no facilities and possibly no income. You think the California economy is in trouble now, shutting down an area within a fifty mile radius from SONGS would possibly shut down the state and ripple into the national economy and maybe the world economy. While you have your eyes closed, image that you could stop a disaster before it happens...well there is no proof that you made a good decision and people will blame you for all kinds of things. Now imagine being able to stop a disaster of a major magnitude and deciding not to. Can you live with that, it would be difficult. This is the reason for this letter. This is NOT a wait and see issue. This actually requires action now.

There are alternative energy sources. California can be a national leader. My Congressman has said that alternative energy sources such as solar and wind are currently too costly. Everything is costly to get started. Computers were very expensive at one time. Automobile ownership was out of reach for most until Ford implemented the assembly line and produced Model T's at a price that the masses could afford. Today you would be hard pressed to find someone over 21 within the US that hasn't owned a car at some point in their life. The whole cost justification for no action is to protect the status quo and shows a lack of courage and innovation.

There is no need for study after study. Many may die while you are studying. Decommission SONGS and make a decision to pursue clean, safe, and re-newable energy. Re-train the employees at SONGS so that they can participate in a new and growing industry. This is not hard...just make it happen.

Remember, one small nuclear accident can ruin the rest of our lives. Maybe not too big of deal when your 60 or 70 years old, but if you are 10 years old, it could be a long time of ruin.

Thank you,

Danny Gray, one of 8.5 million...oh yes, I have two kids.

Always on vacation in Capo Beach and wish to stay there.