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Commissioners,

What are we thinking? It is craziness! We continue with an industry that has known safety issues and violations while generating the most toxic substance know to man. Not only that, they are creating this radioactive, highly volatile waste in a seismically active, historic tsunami zone and storing it in massive amounts on a site that is surrounded by densely populated communities that have no way to escape and few options to protect themselves. Oh yes, and now it has been reported that our power plants are prime targets for terrorists. What could be better for them than a release of radiation in the heart of Southern California exposing over 7 million people, destroying property values and food sources, creating a dead zone within a 50 mile radius, striking a lethal blow against their enemies at Camp Pendleton and crippling the 8th largest economy in the world? This could make 9/11 pale in comparison. Time magazine did an investigative report on security and terrorism at our nuclear plants and their findings were absolutely frightening regarding our lack of preparedness and inabilities to deal with such as event.

Recently, a new intelligence report has come out from the Department of Homeland Security, titled Insider Threat to Utilities, which warns "violent extremists have, in fact, obtained insider positions," and that "outsiders have attempted to solicit utility-sector employees" for damaging physical and cyber attacks. Apparently, officials found evidence bin Laden sought to repeat the carnage of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on or around its ten year anniversary.

"The only way you can actually kill the large scale number of Americans that [bin Laden] literally was calculating was through the use of this critical infrastructure," Chad Sweet, former DHS chief of staff and co-founder of the Chertoff Group, told ABC News..

They go on to describe how easy it would be for an insider to cause a catastrophic event. It doesn't take an airplane flying into a building; just one person on the inside can set the wheels in motion for deadly mayhem.

As it turns out, it is not too difficult to become an employee at our nuclear facilities. U.S. officials were stunned last year in Yemen, with the arrest of an alleged American recruit to al Qaeda, Sharif Mobley, of New Jersey, who had been employed at five different U.S. nuclear power plants in

and around Pennsylvania after successfully passing federal background checks. "If someone is determined, and has the right access, they could do damage that would affect thousands of lives," Sweet said.

More than 80% of the people of California are opposed to continuing the use of nuclear power. We need you to stand up for us and begin the process of shutting down these plants before it is too late. How many warnings and red flags do you need?

Please, please, please take action now! The future of California's people, environment and economy are at stake.

Sincerely,

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