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Dear MS Green,

Please can this be read at the workshop. I am 91 years old and it is not convenient for me to get to Sacramento or participate by phone or webex.

Frank Brandt statement for CEC 19 June Nuclear Workshop.

Governor Brown, the state legislature and the CEC are all opposed to using nuclear energy for generating electricity. The principal but unstated function of this workshop is to devise more arguments against using nuclear energy. In this atmosphere why bother with a workshop to show that an undiscovered earthquake fault might cause problems at SONGS or DIABLO CANYON. Why not just put a paragraph in the 2013 IEPR recommending that SONGS and DIABLO be shut down as soon as replacement power can be purchased or developed because they are not good energy sources?

On the other hand why not use this workshop get the CEC to figure out how to turn the state government around to a policy of encouraging nuclear power plants. Nuclear is an excellent energy source which can generate reliable and inexpensive electricity without production of greenhouse gas. Granted that it has problems but they all soluble by good engineering unlike the huge problems of wind and solar energy that cannot be solved. Diffuse and unreliable energy sources simply cannot be used to replace reliable energy sources.

The CEC is fearful of the governor and state legislature but it must be brave and offer good advice instead of just telling the legislature what it wants to hear. It is time for the CEC to incorporate this message in the 2013 IEPR. AB32 and other restrictive state laws must be revised to allow nuclear energy as the preferred energy source if the state wishes to reduce the state greenhouse gas production in a meaningful way.