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Mr. Michael Cordero
Acting Tribal Chair
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation
P.O. Box 4464
Santa Barbara, CA 93140-4464

Dear Mr. Cordero,

Thank you for your letter of February 12, 2013, voicing your concern over the renewal of the operating licenses for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP), Units 1 and 2. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) values the importance of establishing and maintaining open lines of communication with concerned stakeholders.

At the request of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), the environmental review of the license renewal application for DCNPP has been delayed pending completion of seismic testing. At this time, there is no projected schedule for resuming project activities. A schedule for completing the environmental review will be developed after PG&E submits the seismic evaluation.

The NRC is aware of the historic and cultural significance of the Pecho Coast and is committed to working with tribes, groups, or individuals with a vested interest in the area during our review of the environmental effects of continued operation of DCNPP. The Native American Heritage Commission of California has identified the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation as a tribe with an interest in, and historical knowledge of, the area surrounding DCNPP. As such, the NRC will be in contact with you when the license renewal environmental review resumes.

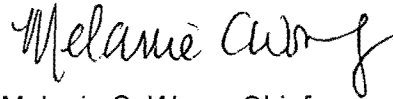
Additionally, I invite you to subscribe to the DCNPP's reactor correspondence Listserv. This will allow you to receive the most current correspondence from the NRC regarding DCNPP. The Listserv website can be found at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/listserver/plants-by-region.html>.

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Thank you again for your interest in the license renewal of DCNPP. If at any time you have questions regarding the environmental review process, please contact Emily Larson, Social Scientist, in the Division of License Renewal's Environmental Review and Guidance Update Branch. She may be reached via phone at 301-415-1151 or e-mail at Emily.Larson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie C. Wong".

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Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323

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