

Apr 27, 2013

Ms Cindy Bladey
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms Bladey,

The comments that follow are regarding Docket ID NRC20130070.

We ask that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take no action that could lead to a restart of the San Onofre nuclear power plant before the Commission completes a comprehensive investigation and provides full opportunity for public participation and independent expert testimony.

Southern California Edison (SCE) is attempting to shortcut the license review process by calling on the NRC to make a fast-track restart decision. We and other environmental groups have joined with U.S. Senator Boxer and U.S. Representative Markey in urging the NRC not to follow such a course.

We were deeply disturbed when on April 10 the NRC staff disregarded numerous statements of concern and announced a "preliminary finding" that a San Onofre restart at 70% power posed no significant safety risk.

We join a wide range of concerned citizens and public officials in believing that a full and transparent review of the failed San Onofre generators is essential before the NRC considers any potential restart at either partial or full power of the failed generator.

We support Senator Boxer, Chair of the Environment and Public Works Committee, who stated on April 10, 2013: "The NRC staff proposal, which could pave the way for the restart of the San Onofre nuclear power plant before the investigations of the crippled plant are completed, is dangerous and premature."

Given the recent failure of tubes that carry radioactive water, speeding restart of San Onofre through a so-called "license amendment" that shortcuts procedures is totally inappropriate. SCE's request to weaken its license requirements was made despite evidence showing that there could be a significant hazard from the operation of the deficient steam generators.

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The location and condition of FAILURE of the San Onofre plant is the perfect setup for a horrendous disaster for California.

ARE PROFIT AND GREED SO OVERWHELMING THAT IT'S WORTH THE TIME-BOMB RISK OF THAT MUCH DESTRUCTION AND RADIOACTIVITY TO THIS STATE?? OF COURSE NOT.

Following the March 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, Germany has permanently shut down eight of its reactors and pledged to close the rest by 2022. The Italians have voted overwhelmingly to keep their country non-nuclear. Switzerland and Spain have banned the construction of new reactors. Japan's prime minister has called for a dramatic reduction in Japan's reliance on nuclear power. Taiwan's president did the same. Mexico has sidelined construction of 10 reactors in favor of developing natural-gas-fired plants. Belgium is considering phasing out its nuclear plants, perhaps as early as 2015.

WHY ARE AMERICAN "POWERS THAT BE" ALWAYS SO BLIND-SIGHTED TO REALITY THAT'S IN THEIR FACES ALREADY BUT STILL REMAIN SO STUPIDLY, ARROGANTLY, CORPORATELY GREEDILY OUT OF SYNC??? (A RHETORICAL QUESTION)

THIS IS AN OBVIOUS BIG RED FLAG "NO." LEAVE IT SHUT DOWN!!

Given the troubled history and current condition of the plant and the raised level of public concern, the public deserves a full review by

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the NRC of conditions at San Onofre before it considers a restart of either failed generator.

I support the call by the Sierra Club for the NRC to block any restart of the failed San Onofre generators at this time, and to conduct a comprehensive and open review process.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

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