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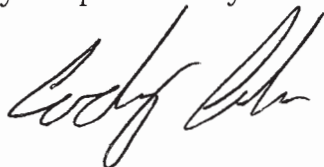
Dear Commission:

I am writing to support the NRC's Spent Fuel Storage Rule. In my view, with NRC oversight, PG&E has a very detailed and successful spent fuel management program for its Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant (Diablo). PG&E continues to safely store fuel via both its wet and dry cask storage systems.

Without the federal government providing a permanent geologic storage facility, as required by law, PG&E has designed and implemented an interim, on-site system for the interim storage of the spent fuel assemblies. After removal from the reactors, the used fuel is placed in storage pools to cool for approximately five (5) years. After sufficient cooling, the used fuel assemblies are placed in sealed, Helium-filled canister and set inside a 20 foot tall, concrete-filled, steel storage cask. The storage casks are stored in a secure protected area proximate to the plant. Unlike other nuclear plants, the casks in the storage area are bolted to a seven and-a-half-foot thick steel-reinforced concrete pad to ensure it is seismically stable. This system has proved safe and effective. There is no reason to believe that this interim storage system would not remain viable after the Diablo plant's licensing period.

I am confident that layer upon layer of safeguards are in place to effectively manage and monitor the stored spent fuel. However, the Department of Energy has a responsibility to make good on its commitment to receive and safely store the spent fuel for the long term. By doing so, locally stored spent fuel could be safely removed to a single or regional locations controlled by and protected by our national government. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cody C. Anderson", written over a light blue horizontal line.