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NRC Licensing Board to Hear Oral Arguments on Diablo Canyon Issues July 9 in Rockville, MD

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold two oral argument sessions Tuesday, July 9, in Rockville, Md., concerning separate legal issues regarding the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in California. The Board is the independent body within the NRC that conducts adjudicatory hearings and renders decisions on legal challenges to licensing actions.

Both sessions will be held in the Board's hearing room on the third floor of the NRC's Two White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. The first session, starting at 9 a.m. EDT, covers the license renewal process for Diablo Canyon, near San Luis Obispo, Calif. The oral arguments will address four new contentions filed by the San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace.

The second session will follow the first, and is expected to start at approximately 1 p.m. EDT. It concerns a Commission [referral](#) of a Friends of the Earth petition. The oral arguments will address the group's assertion the NRC issued a "de facto" license amendment to Diablo Canyon. Members of the public and media can observe both oral arguments, but participation will be limited to lawyers for Mothers for Peace, Friends of the Earth, plant owner Pacific Gas & Electric, and the NRC staff.

To view the proceedings via webstreaming, or listen by telephone, please contact the Board's law clerk, Alana Wase at alana.wase@nrc.gov or 301-415-6693 no later than July 2. Those planning to attend the oral arguments in person should arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time for security screening, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases or backpacks. No signs will be permitted in the hearing room.