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Chairman Nunzio Palladino
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino,

I am gravely concerned about the prospect of a premature decision to re-license the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, on the central coast of California. Given the history of problems and mistakes at this plant, I implore you to hold off on a licensing decision until the completion and evaluation of all safety hearings, and the completion and evaluation of the design review you ordered in 1981. NRC hearings on design problems will not be complete until sometime after the September 21st date tentatively established for a Commission vote on re-licensing.

Additionally, plant modifications may be required as a result of either the design hearings or the final design review. Those modifications must be made prior to plant operation.

A nuclear plant that sits next to an active earthquake fault, in a seismically active area must be subjected to the most rigorous standards if the health and safety of California residents is to be adequately protected.

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Sincerely,

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