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Dear Board Members

I am writing in regard to the recent cancellation of a scheduled inspection tour of the PG&E nuclear facility at Humboldt Bay. The reason given for cancellation is that the Humboldt plant is of a lower priority, being that it is not presently in operation. I understand this order of priorities. However the plant in question has been closed since 1976 and has continued to be a public health hazard by the release of a number of toxic substances (i.e. heavy metals) and the presence of radioactive wastes stored at the plant. More than three entire years have passed since the facilities' closure. Will there ever be an inspection? Will a final decision on the plant's future ever be made?

The decision to cancel the inspection tour at the last moment leads me to believe one of two things.

1 PG&E has done it again.

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PG&E using its enormous corporate influence has once again successfully swayed a federal regulatory agency

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to make a decision in P.E. & E. favor. This points to the possibility that the A.S.L.B. is nothing more than a front agency, steered by utilities interests. This would infer that the A.S.L.B. does not consider all facts and evidence when making a decision. This is a criminal activity.

OR

2. The N.R.C. and A.S.L.B. do not feel an inspection is necessary because all evidence (economic, environmental, geologic, social, etc) that exists is overwhelmingly in support of a permanent closure of the nuclear plant. In other words an inspection of the power plant will only prove what is already known, the plant is unfit for service.

Locally, herein Humboldt County, the first possibility would not be well accepted by the public. Did you know our Assemblyman is in the process of bringing a rate increase suit against P.E. & E.? The County government has supported him from the start.

I personally hope the second possibility is the reason for the cancellation. All geologic evidence available supports the view that the nuclear plant is seismically unsafe.

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At this point I would like to urge the Board to please move on with the decision making process concerning the future of the Humboldt Plant. I urge you to set a date for a public hearing to be held in Eureka, California. This hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to express their feelings and research concerning the facility in question.

A decision to close the Humboldt Bay nuclear plant permanently is years overdue. I urge you to please continue as soon as possible with the decision making process.

Sincerely,
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