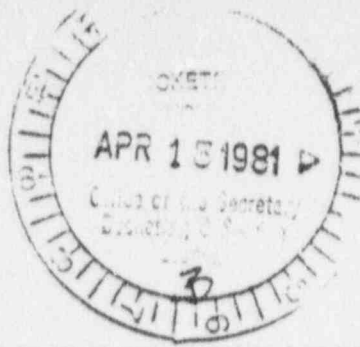


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The East Bay Anti-Nuclear Group has over 400 active members and each of these people has serious concerns and doubts about the safety, economics, politics, morality, and wisdom of nuclear power. We feel that any effort to speed up the licensing of nuclear power plants is misguided in the first place. But when the proposed changes in the licensing process involve reducing input from concerned citizens these efforts become reckless. The safety of people must not be compromised even the slightest bit in order to provide bigger profits to power companies. The process of formal discovery is necessary so that all sides of the licensing issue will be fully heard and considered. The NRC has shown bias in the past, and it is not surprising to see this move against citizen input in the proposed changes. The beneficiaries of "Expedited" licensing are the power companies. Ratepayers can expect higher rates once the plant is operating. Costs of reactor decommissioning, waste disposal (there is not even a safe method at present), and insurance in case of accident, are all hidden costs which ratepayers can expect to pay (even though these are not mentioned in the advertisements sent to us by the utilities.) Uranium fuel prices are subject to the same price manipulation by large cartels as are fossil fuels.

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Reactors such as Diablo Canyon (near San Luis Obispo) cost far more to build than the original estimates. Many Native Americans are dying and suffering ill health from uranium mining and tailings. Many are being robbed of their treaty land by multinational companies who manipulate tribal governments in their hunger for fuel rich lands. Some reactors (like Diablo Canyon) are built near active earthquake faults. Once a reactor becomes operative, it is contaminated for generations. For these and many more reasons, it is not prudent to speed up the licensing process. The issue is not a matter of which opinion gets more mail; The issue is a moral one. The N.R.C. as protector of the safety of U.S. citizens, must lean toward caution and careful review rather than trying to speed up the licensing process.

Thank you for considering these views,



for EAST BAY ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP

Just one of many groups in this area who feel this way.