



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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July 22, 1985

Ms. Adelene Jones  
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Dear Ms. Jones:

Following the public meeting in Eureka, you wrote to Mr. Peter Erickson of my staff and provided comments in support of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plan for decommissioning of the Humboldt Bay nuclear power plant. Your letter as well as letters from others in Humboldt County and elsewhere have become part of the official record of the decommissioning of this plant. In view of your interest I would like to describe our review process and discuss the present review status.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has the responsibility to assure that the decommissioning of Humboldt Bay power plant is conducted in a manner that does not endanger the health and safety of the public. In order to accomplish that, the NRC required that PG&E submit a Decommissioning Plan describing how the decommissioning will be conducted and an Environmental Report which describes the environmental aspects of the decommissioning. Both of these documents were submitted to the NRC on July 30, 1984 and we have completed our initial review. Questions generated during the review have been sent to PG&E on January 23 and February 14, this year and PG&E has provided responses to most of the questions. The NRC is currently evaluating those responses.

An important aspect of the decommissioning planning is the receipt of comments from the public. For the Humboldt plant, this was done through the public meetings held on September 10 and December 4, 1984 in Eureka, California as well as through letters from the public. Both PG&E and the NRC need public participation to assure that comments and concerns are adequately considered during the decommissioning process. Consequently, the transcripts of the meetings as well as the letters become part of the official decommissioning record and are reviewed to determine if there are additional facts which should be considered. The transcripts, the letters from the public and all correspondence from PG&E and the NRC are available in the Humboldt County Library, 421 I Street (County Courthouse), Eureka, California.

Following our review of environmental issues we will publish a Draft EIS that will be made available to the public in the Humboldt County Library and will also be sent to State and Humboldt County agencies as well as other Federal agencies. This Draft EIS will present the NRC evaluation of potential environmental impacts of decommissioning the Humboldt plant. Comments on the Draft EIS from State, local and Federal agencies and the public will be included and evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS).

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Sincerely,

Original signed by

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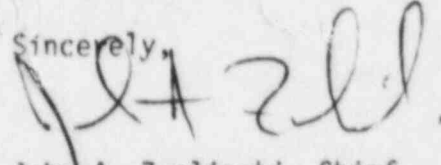
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