[EXT]Diablo Canyon decommissioning, draft EIR

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Attn: Diablo Staff and Ms. Susan Strachan San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building 976 Osos Street, Room 300 San Luis Obispo, Ca 93498

Re: Diablo Canyon Decommissioning draft EIR

Dear Diablo Staff and Ms. Strachan:

Please do not allow the project to come to Santa Barbara County for any purpose. We should not be responsible for transporting or disposing of nuclear or related waste from Diablo Canyon.

The proposed project suggests that the railways in Pismo and the Santa Maria Valley (through Guadalupe) could be utilized to transport and hold nuclear waste. I am adamantly opposed to using the rails in Pismo, the Guadalupe area, and the Santa Maria Valley. The Santa Maria Valley Railroad already has many tanks on our rails just southeast of Guadalupe and we don't know what toxic substances they currently contain. Likewise, Guadalupe and Oso Flaco have been the sites of past Unocal oil contamination that is not completely cleaned up. Guadalupe is the community closest to the ocean within the Santa Maria River watershed. We are an important location for the U.S. production of vegetables and fruits, and for maintaining sensitive flora and fauna, such as the snowy plover, in and around the dunes complex along the coast.

We already have soils and water concentrations that are higher in pesticides and nitrates than many nearby areas. Our community does not need to be a dumping ground for other more affluent areas. We are a mostly Hispanic community of residents and we matter.

Please urge San Luis Obispo County to not infringe upon surrounding areas outside of the county.

After attending the online zoom meeting in August and reviewing the many alternatives, I believe the best option is to leave the plant as is rather than contaminating many other locations and relocating sensitive plant and animal life that has adapted in the Diablo area. Please accept my comments and take them to heart and mind.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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