

Harrington, Holly

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 4:32 PM
To: Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: Draft Letter to the Editor

Yes, that was the plan

From: Harrington, Holly
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 3:16 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: FW: Draft Letter to the Editor

This is good to go. Are you putting it under your name?

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From: Harrington, Holly
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 1:23 PM
To: Uselding, Lara; Galloway, Melanie; Pedersen, Renee; Johnson, Michael; Williamson, Edward; Zimmerman, Roy
Cc: Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Brenner, Eliot; Holahan, Patricia; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret
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Renée

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We have drafted a proposed "Letter to the Editor" in response to an earlier editorial and a letter to the editor at the San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune (9/1, 126K which says, in part, that former Diablo Canyon Senior Resident Inspector Michael Peck, filed a report, "twice, recommending that, because the plant is potentially so dangerous, it should be shut down until proven safe from seismic activity from a newly discovered fault line that lies approximately just 650 yards from Diablo Canyon." Peck is concerned "that the piping carrying the critical cooling water at the plant will never withstand the severe shaking generated by a fault line so close to it." But the NRC "never responded in any way" to Peck's assertions. They were "hidden away and not reported to anyone."

The letter to the editor addressing primarily the issue above in red is attached. Can you please review it to ensure it is factually accurate and appropriately worded. Please send me any suggestions for changes. We will then run it by the Chairman's Office.

We do need to do this quickly in order for it to be relevant in the "news" world, so I apologize for the haste with which we'd like it reviewed.

Thank you!

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Well done, thx

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Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:07 PM
To: Uselding, Lara; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Re: With EDITS: Revisit thoughts on a letter to editor RE: DPO

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----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 07:59 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: With EDITS: Revisit thoughts on a letter to editor RE: DPO

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From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 12:19 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
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Subject: Re: Revisit thoughts on a letter to editor RE: DPO

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Cc: Harrington, Holly
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Hi: Holly said I could email you as I asked to revisit writing a letter to editor clarifying the DPO process to state that we aren't "hiding" anything...this aired again in the News Tribune SLO yesterday

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yc jen swartzman for OCM. We must be exceedingly careful with this.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 11:30 AM
To: Uselding, Lara; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott
Cc: Dricks, Victor
Subject: RE: BLOG IN PREP FOR STATE REPORT....Earthquake Research Continues at Diablo Canyon | U.S. NRC Blog

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From: Uselding, Lara
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To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott
Cc: Dricks, Victor
Subject: BLOG IN PREP FOR STATE REPORT....Earthquake Research Continues at Diablo Canyon | U.S. NRC Blog

<http://public-blog.nrc-gateway.gov/2012/10/22/earthquake-research-continues-at-diablo-canyon/>

In light of 1) all the media attention on the DPO and seismic concerns and 2) in anticipation of the state report, I propose we do an update to Scott's well written seismic blog. So when the report hits the street in the coming days, we are prepared to provide all the complex seismic activity and analyses from our perspective.

We can discuss the HOW. Holly, perhaps it would just be an update to this blog?

Lara

Harrington, Holly

From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 10:22 AM
To: Uselding, Lara; Burnell, Scott
Cc: Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: DPOemailto reporters.docx

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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 10:11 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott
Cc: Harrington, Holly
Subject: DPOemailto reporters.docx
Importance: High

Hello REPORTER NAME:

Based on your interest in the Michael Peck differing professional opinion story that ran a couple of weeks ago, I am sharing the agency's final decision that was made public today. Per the process, the Executive Director of Operations, Mark Satorius, has made a decision on the appeal and the submitter expressed his wish to have the file publically released.

To refresh your memory, the submitter Michael Peck stated that the new Shoreline fault information should be compared to the double design earthquake (DDE) and that PG&E needed a license amendment.

The independent reviewing panel (page 3) disagrees and states, "...an amendment to the license was not required because the Shoreline fault zone ground motions do not exceed the levels evaluated in the plant's design and licensing." Further, "...there is more than one appropriate evaluation method for evaluating the new seismic information. The Hosgri evaluation methods for structures used higher damping values than the Double Design earthquake." It goes on to say that "substituting the new seismic information into the calculation construct of the DDE would offer little insight as to how the structures, systems, and components would perform because the older techniques for overly conservative and no longer technically justified."

Also, let me draw your attention to page 5 of the attached document. Satorius says, "In the appeal, you noted your agreement with the Ad Hoc Review Panel's conclusion that issues raised in the DPO do not result in a significant or immediate safety concern. You also state agreement that the potential ground motions for the Shoreline fault do not exceed the levels considered during licensing of the plant."

Feel free to call me with additional questions.

Lara Uselding

Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 3:55 PM
To: Burnell, Scott; Dricks, Victor; Brenner, Eliot
Subject: RE: DPO

Scott, would you check with Trent Wertz on Monday for us just to understand where they are at? Wouldn't think something is ready to release next week as it needs a SUNSI review still....

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 2:48 PM
To: Uselding, Lara; Dricks, Victor; Brenner, Eliot; McIntyre, David
Subject: Re: DPO

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Scott Burnell

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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 03:45 PM
To: Dricks, Victor; Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David
Subject: FW: DPO

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From: Blood, Michael [<mailto:mblood@ap.org>]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 2:38 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: RE: DPO

Hello Lara,

I expect my story on Diablo Canyon and Michael Peck's DPO to run shortly. You have previously told me the document is "non-public."

If you have any further comment, please let me know asap and no later than Monday, Aug. 18.

Also, Victor Dricks raised an apparent issue involving Peck's departure from Diablo Canyon. He told me in a telephone call there was something that needed to be corrected. Please explain.

The story will say that Peck recommends the reactors be shut down until PG&E can demonstrate that critical pumps, valves and piping can meet higher seismic stress levels, or

until the NRC approves exemptions from regulatory and license requirements. His concern stems from 2011 PG&E research that found three nearby faults (Shoreline, Los Osos and San Luis Bay) can produce significantly more ground shaking than was used in the plant's design (safe shutdown earthquake).

Thank you.

Michael Blood, AP

From: Uselding, Lara [<mailto:Lara.Uselding@nrc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 10:06 AM
To: Blood, Michael
Subject: RE: DPO

Hello Michael: The Differing Professional Opinion process is an internal, non-public process. The DPO submitter has rights, including the right to privacy over this issue. The DPO submitter has a key role in determining whether or not the DPO and Director's decision become available publicly. So far that decision has not been rendered nor made publically available. If the submitter wants it to be made publically available, it would undergo a SUNSI review to redact any sensitive information.
Lara

From: Blood, Michael [<mailto:mblood@ap.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7:47 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: RE: DPO

Lara, Can you confirm it has been filed?

From: Uselding, Lara [<mailto:Lara.Uselding@nrc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:58 PM
To: Blood, Michael
Subject: Re: DPO

We can't provide a document that hasn't been issued Michael

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From: Blood, Michael [<mailto:mblood@ap.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 06:00 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: RE: DPO

Lara, Please provide me with more explanation. Why isn't this a public document? Under what legal basis are you withholding it?

From: Uselding, Lara [mailto:Lara.Uselding@nrc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 5:57 PM
To: Blood, Michael
Subject: Re: DPO

When this issue is resolved and if there is a document to be made public, you will get it.

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From: Blood, Michael [mailto:mblood@ap.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 01:23 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: FW: DPO

Lara, Just making sure my question hasn't been lost. I requested a copy of Mr. Peck's DPO. If you can send me a copy of the document, please do. (Eliot suggests below there might be a disclosure issue.) If you cannot, please notify me that is the case and provide an explanation of why the document cannot be released. Thank you,

From: Brenner, Eliot [mailto:Eliot.Brenner@nrc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 12:54 PM
To: Blood, Michael; Dricks, Victor; Uselding, Lara
Subject: Re: DPO

Michael, your point of contact on all things diablo canyon is lara uselding, who I have copied on this message. I believe she emailed you about one of the issues raised by Peck, but you haven't gotten back to her. I think victor has also reached out to you on this subject. Before you write anything on this subject it is important that you talk to lara about peck's assertion on personnel matters.

We're checking on the process for making these things public. If it becomes public, you'll get it.

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Eliot, Victor,

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Thank you,



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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 5:09 PM
To: Burnell, Scott; Oesterle, Eric
Cc: Walker, Wayne; Hipschman, Thomas; Singal, Balwant; Brenner, Eliot; Markley, Michael
Subject: RE: COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY ON STATE REPORT

Thanks. I have sent this to Lauren Gibson and Joe Sebrosky for their input if they have time. I'll be sure we get that piece right.
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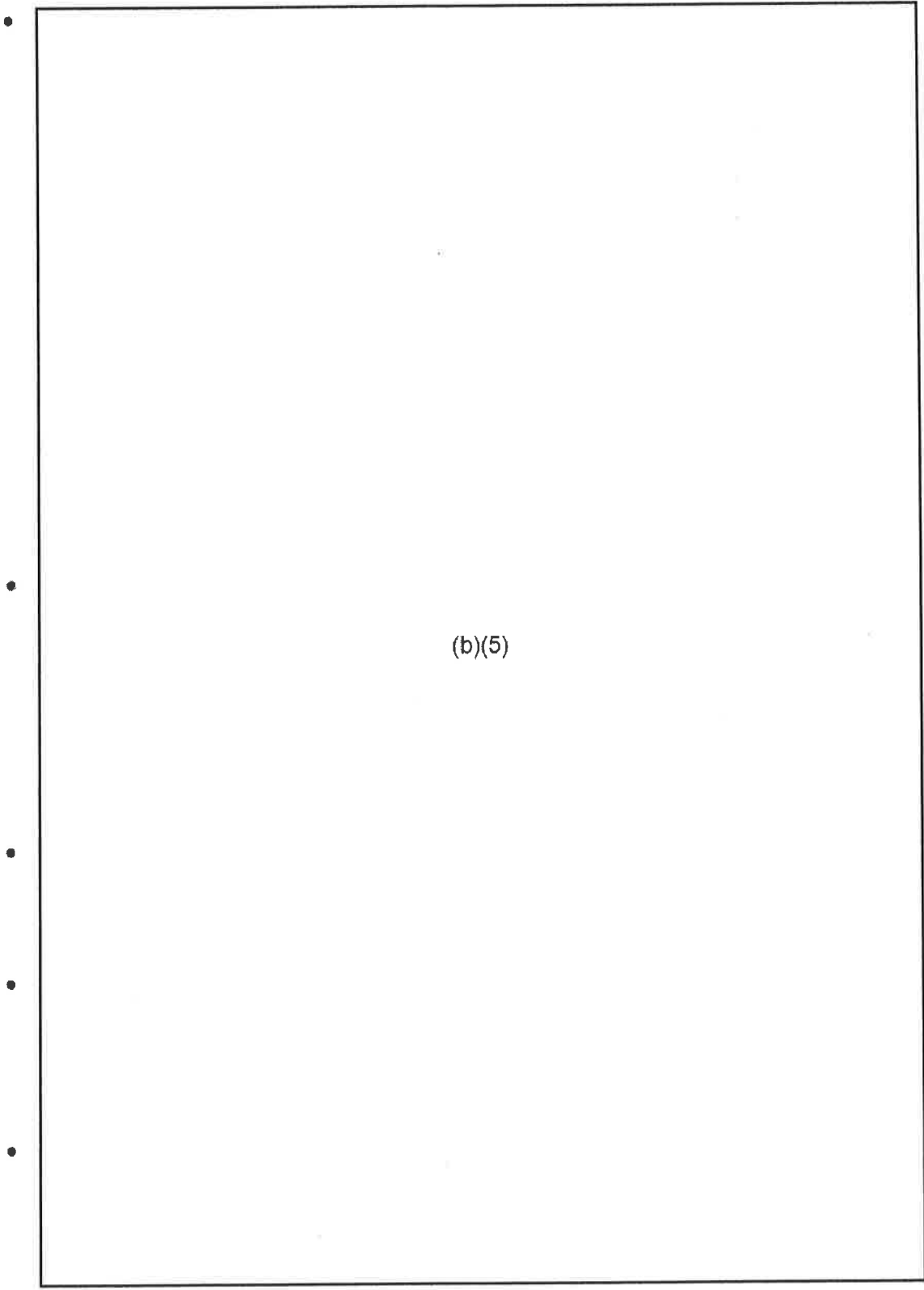
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I just spoke to Trent Wertz in NRR and Renee Pedersen in OE. Renee will ask NRR to commence its documents review under the assumption that Peck will want the DPO record made public, so that we can respond more quickly once Mark Satorius finishes his review of Peck's appeal.

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FYI

From: Sewell, Abigail M [<mailto:Abigail.Sewell@latimes.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 10:18 AM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: FW: Petition filed to shut Diablo Canyon; Boxer calls hearings into suppression of whistleblower report

Hi Lara – Friends of the Earth is filing a petition seeking to have Diablo Canyon shut down pending a license amendment. Does NRC want to comment?

Abby

From: Bill Walker [<mailto:bw.deadline@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Petition filed to shut Diablo Canyon; Boxer calls hearings into suppression of whistleblower report

[Online: <http://www.foe.org/news/news-releases/2014-08-nuclear-watchdog-petitions-federal-regulator-to-close-unsafe-diablo-canyon-nuclear-reactors>]

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Nuclear watchdog petitions federal regulator to close unsafe Diablo Canyon nuclear reactors

Sen. Boxer calls for hearings on NRC's failure of 'responsibility to protect public health and safety'

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- One day after the release of a document suppressed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission revealed that the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in California is vulnerable to earthquakes, Friends of the Earth filed a petition charging that the plant is in violation of its license and must be closed immediately pending public hearings to prove it is safe. Meanwhile, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee announced it will hold its own hearings into the NRC's suppression of the document.

Friends of the Earth's petition to the NRC charges that despite having new information that earthquake faults surrounding Diablo Canyon are capable of ground motion far greater than the reactors were designed and licensed to withstand, both Pacific Gas and Electric and the agency have failed to conduct a rigorous safety analysis and licensing review required by the agency's rules. Friends of the Earth's petition states:

"Studies done so far indicate that the Shoreline Fault and the nearby Los Osos and San Luis Bay faults are capable of producing an earthquake with ground acceleration that far exceeds the plant's current licensing basis, posing a serious safety risk to the public and the environment near the plant... When a plant cannot operate within the specific parameters described in the current licensing basis, the (Atomic Energy Act) requires the licensee to seek a license amendment and engage in a public process with an adjudicatory hearing."

Citing the fact that the new seismic data shows that the reactors do not meet their licensing specifications and requirements and could therefore fail catastrophically in a massive earthquake, Friends of the Earth is asking that the NRC close Diablo and convene a public review with hearings before a federal judge to assess whether or not the reactors can be run safely.

The petition is similar to one Friends of the Earth filed in June 2012 that resulted in a landmark ruling that led to Southern California Edison's decision to permanently close the San Onofre nuclear reactors, where damaged equipment made it impossible for the plant to operate in accordance with its license.

"This is a really scary situation," said Damon Moglen of Friends of the Earth. "PG&E and the NRC both know that earthquakes are possible that far surpass those for which the reactors are designed and licensed, but they have decided to look the other way. Given the overwhelming risk of earthquakes at Diablo Canyon, federal and state authorities would never allow nuclear reactors to be built on this site now."

On Monday the Associated Press reported that a formal dissent by Dr. Michael Peck, formerly the NRC's senior resident safety inspector at Diablo Canyon, reveals in detail that new seismic data shows that the reactors are vulnerable to earthquakes. Peck filed his report, known as a Dissenting Professional Opinion, in July 2013 and requested it be made public, but the agency has neither released nor ruled on it, despite NRC policy that DPOs must be ruled on within 120 days.

Peck's dissent says that since the 1960-era reactors were built new information has emerged about potential earthquakes in the area that means the plant is operating "outside the bounds of the existing Diablo Canyon design basis and safety analysis" -- in other words, in violation of its federal license.

"Continued reactor operation...challenges the presumption of nuclear safety," Peck asserted. "The reactors should remain shut down pending demonstration that...safety functions can be met at the higher seismic stress levels."

In response to release of the suppressed report, Environment and Public Works Committee chair Sen. Barbara Boxer announced that she would hold hearings on the situation at Diablo and said: "The NRC's failure to act constitutes an abdication of its responsibility to protect public health and safety."

Seismic safety has been a major concern at Diablo Canyon since construction on the reactors began in 1966. Over the years, it has become increasingly clear that the reactors are surrounded by seismic faults. In the aftermath of the Fukushima disaster in 2011, a report issued by the NRC itself ranked the Diablo Canyon reactors as the most likely in the nation to be hit by an earthquake stronger than they were designed to withstand.



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Brenner, Eliot

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 9:03 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Dricks, Victor; Uselding, Lara; McIntyre, David
Subject: RE: i'd like to have a quick conversation on the DPO

There's also an effort to convene an EDO-level discussion, and we're invited.

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Subject: i'd like to have a quick conversation on the DPO

How about 10 a.m. in my office, with RIV on the phone?

Brenner, Eliot

From: Dricks, Victor
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 9:34 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot
Subject: RE: i'd like to have a quick conversation on the DPO

ok

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(b)(6) (Cell)

From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 8:32 AM
To: Dricks, Victor
Subject: RE: i'd like to have a quick conversation on the DPO

You guys should just call in to my direct number.

From: Dricks, Victor
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 9:24 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Uselding, Lara; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David
Subject: RE: i'd like to have a quick conversation on the DPO

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To: Dricks, Victor; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David
Subject: Re: i'd like to have a quick conversation on the DPO

Yes, that works
Lara Uselding
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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 2:21 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot
Subject: LETTERTOEDITOR SLOTRIB.docx
Attachments: LETTERTOEDITOR SLOTRIB.docx

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 1:43 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot
Cc: Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: Revisit thoughts on a letter to editor RE: DPO

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Cc: Harrington, Holly
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From: Harrington, Holly
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:40 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
Cc: Brenner, Eliot
Subject: RE: LETTER TO EDITOR FOR CONCURRENCE

I will attempt to run this through the cast of thousands for review

Holly Harrington

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-----Original Message-----

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:14 PM
To: Harrington, Holly
Cc: Brenner, Eliot
Subject: LETTER TO EDITOR FOR CONCURRENCE

Holly: Per Eliot, here is the revised letter to the editor in response to a second editorial in the News Tribune:

TODAY'S CLIPS: Letter Writer Faults NRC Response To Former Official's Claims. In a letter to the editor of the San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune (9/1, 126K), Debbie Highfill of Morro Bay, writes that former Diablo Canyon Senior Resident Inspector Michael Peck, filed a report, "twice, recommending that, because the plant is potentially so dangerous, it should be shut down until proven safe from seismic activity from a newly discovered fault line that lies approximately just 650 yards from Diablo Canyon." Peck is concerned "that the piping carrying the critical cooling water at the plant will never withstand the severe shaking generated by a fault line so close to it." But the NRC "never responded in any way" to Peck's assertions. They were "hidden away and not reported to anyone."

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Any thoughts on me submitting a short, tame letter to the editor?

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Harrington, Holly
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:54 PM
To: Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot
Cc: McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

From Jen: It's my understanding that Thursday's meeting is going to deal with the technical issues associated with the Shoreline fault and an update of what's going on with the DPO, and that Phil has requested a separate meeting (as yet unscheduled) to address messaging on Diablo and the foreign ownership issue - to which he's asked that OPA, OCA, and assorted others be invited.

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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:07 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Chairman brief on Diablo

Hello: I left a voicemail for Scott as I heard from a RIV staffer that the Chairman wants a brief on all things Diablo this Thursday. Do you know about this and if so, will someone from HQ OPA sit in on that?
Lara

-----Original Message-----

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 1:03 PM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: I'm out today and tomorrow

Sorry, should have updated my voicemail. Haven't heard anything about a chairman brief. Check w/Holly?

Sent from an NRC Blackberry
Scott Burnell

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Brenner, Eliot

From: McIntyre, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:53 AM
To: Burnell, Scott; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

Solomonic wisdom may be called for. ;-)

There is major overlap. Diablo is an operating plant issue, but with a seismic emphasis which recently we've bundled under Japan issues. FOCD is handled out of NRR (operating plants) primarily, but with major involvement of NRO because it has featured prominently in the STP and Calvert Cliffs COL adjudications.

-----Original Message-----

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 6:16 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; McIntyre, David
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

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To: Harrington, Holly; McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Subject: Re: Chairman brief on Diablo

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----- Original Message -----

From: Harrington, Holly
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:01 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Subject: FW: Chairman brief on Diablo

Ok, the one we're invited to is this Friday from 3 to 3:45 (Who is best to represent OPA?)

Holly Harrington

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-----Original Message-----

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:20 PM
To: Harrington, Holly; McIntyre, David; Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

Understood.

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From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:09 PM
To: McIntyre, David; Harrington, Holly; Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

I can certainly call in to the separate meeting if it's Thursday -- both Dave and I have kept an eye on the foreign ownership issue.

From: McIntyre, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:03 PM
To: Harrington, Holly; Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot
Cc: Burnell, Scott
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

Sounds like a fun day.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:54 PM
To: Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot
Cc: McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

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Brenner, Eliot

From: McIntyre, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:02 AM
To: Burnell, Scott; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

Per the morning meeting, this meeting has now been moved to THURSDAY at 11 am.

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To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

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But

with the rescheduling, perhaps that's moot anyway, though he wants to call in.

Given the overlap, if call in is available, perhaps no harm in both of us participating.

-----Original Message-----

From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 8:58 AM
To: McIntyre, David; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Re: Chairman brief on Diablo

Sorry, at the core an operating reactor/dpo matter, not seismic.

----- Original Message -----

From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 02:57 PM
To: McIntyre, David; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Re: Chairman brief on Diablo

Ok. In my view, at the core this is a DPO issue, not a true seismic matter.

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From: McIntyre, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 01:53 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: Chairman brief on Diablo

I'm content to defer to Scott.

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 2:46 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Region3 RA speaking before Lochbaum/journalists- DIABLO
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf

Putting this on your radar

-----Original Message-----

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 1:38 PM
To: Chandrathil, Prema
Subject: dpo

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From: Chandrathil, Prema
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:00 AM
To: Uselding, Lara
Subject: RE: Send me a blurb

It's for the Society for Environmental Journalists...the moderator has had questions specifically about Diablo Canyon and their seismic evaluations. It will be all journalists in the audience. Thanks for anything you can share with me. Prema

Nuclear Power in Fukushima's Wake

Seen by proponents as a promise and opponents as a peril, nuclear power and its global prospects have fundamentally changed after the triple meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. Or have they? Nations like Germany and Italy have decided to give up on the atom altogether, while others such as the U.S. and Japan and developing economies like China and Vietnam have decided to stick with their nuclear energy programs. Amid tightening safety rules, increasing competition from currently cheaper natural gas and elevated concerns over greenhouse gases, the panelists will discuss the outlook and issues for nuclear power in the U.S. and abroad.

Moderator: James Simms II, Freelance Writer/Television and Radio Commentator; and 2013-2014 Scripps Journalism Fellow, Center for Environmental Journalism, Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Colorado at Boulder

Speakers:

Steven Kraft, Senior Technical Advisor, Nuclear Energy Institute
Dave Lochbaum, Director, Nuclear Safety Project, Union of Concerned Scientists
Hannah Northey, Energy Reporter, Greenwire
Nuclear Regulatory Commission representative TBA

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 9:51 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David
Subject: RE: Do we want a blog post with link to DPO?

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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 8:49 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David
Subject: Do we want a blog post with link to DPO?

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Will do

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Subject: Re: Do we want a blog post with link to DPO?

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To: Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David
Subject: RE: Do we want a blog post with link to DPO?

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Subject: Do we want a blog post with link to DPO?

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 11:11 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott
Subject: Re: DRAFT blog I'm running around here for concurrence

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Lara Uselding
NRC Region 4 Public Affairs
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From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 10:08 AM
To: Uselding, Lara; Burnell, Scott
Subject: Re: DRAFT blog I'm running around here for concurrence

I am in the senate confirmation hearing

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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 10:55 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott
Subject: DRAFT blog I'm running around here for concurrence

FYI, this is what I'm prepping...
It can always be modified depending on timing of dpo and state report release

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 12:12 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot
Cc: McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Subject: RE: Strategy Call

Thanks! Let me know what time might work best for you all and I could just call into your office

From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 11:03 AM
To: Uselding, Lara
Cc: Harrington, Holly; McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Subject: Re: Strategy Call

Ok.

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 11:42 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot
Cc: Harrington, Holly; McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Subject: Strategy Call

Hello Eliot: I know you are busy travelling and getting back today. When you have a moment, could we discuss having a quick brainstorming call later this afternoon with the purpose of proposing a communications strategy to deal with DPO decision and pending state report? I would really appreciate this.

Lara Uselding

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 12:43 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott
Cc: Harrington, Holly; Dricks, Victor
Subject: Public release of state report activities/timeline
Attachments: nrr dd 9-9 diablo brief.docx

Importance: High

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Lara

From: Sebrosky, Joseph
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 11:19 AM
To: Markley, Michael; Munson, Clifford; Stovall, Scott; Kock, Andrea; Williams, Megan; Li, Yong; Oesterle, Eric
Cc: Weil, Jenny; Manoly, Kamal; Lund, Louise; Dudek, Michael; Case, Michael; Burnell, Scott; Hay, Michael; Franovich, Mike; Whaley, Sheena; Bowman, Gregory; Bowen, Jeremy; Moreno, Angel; Balazik, Michael; Singal, Balwant; Farnholtz, Thomas; Kanatas, Catherine; Hipschman, Thomas; Reynoso, John; Ake, Jon; Folk, Kevin; DiFrancesco, Nicholas; Balazik, Michael; Reynoso, John; Hill, Brittain; Walker, Wayne; Uselding, Lara; Buchanan, Theresa; Keegan, Elaine; Jackson, Diane; Wlttick, Brian; Harris, Brian; Roth(OGC), David; Kanatas, Catherine; OKeefe, Neil; Uhle, Jennifer; Lund, Louise
Subject: info: status of public release of Diablo Canyon State of California report

To all

Based on my discussions with Philippe Soenen of PG&E. PG&E is targeting the public release of the State of California report for 11:00 am Pacific time (2:00 pm eastern) on 9/10/14. PG&E intends to do the following:

- Issue an announcement
- Issue a press release
- Make the document publicly available on their website
- Provide a hard copy to the County
- Walk a copy of the report to us to be provided to the document control desk in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4 requirements

On a different note Mike Markley, Eric Oesterle, and I briefed Jennifer Uhle on the status of Diablo seismic issues using the attached briefing sheet.

No action required on your part. Thought you should know.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Joe Sebrosky
301-415-1132

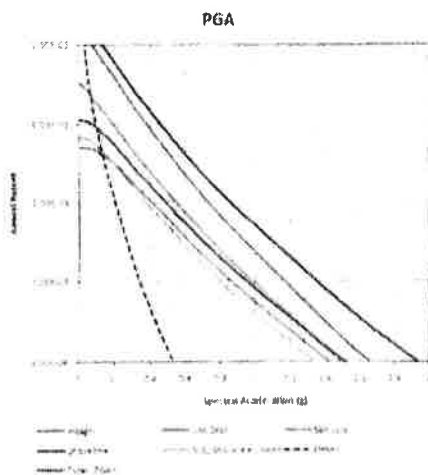
9/9/14 NRR/DD Briefing

Purpose: To inform Jennifer of the current status of Diablo Seismic issues including inability to calculate seismic core damage frequency (SCDF) in the near term.

Outcome: Clear understanding of current status and direction as appropriate provided

Agenda:

- I. Background
 - a. 8/28/14 received direction from NRR/DD to consider using CEUS approach for assessing new Diablo Canyon seismic information (i.e., calculate seismic core damage frequency (SCDF))
 - b. Project plan developed for reviewing State of California report information
 - c. 9/3/14 information needs for calculating SCDF provided to PG&E
 - d. 9/4/14 Chairman briefed including SCDF approach
 - e. 9/8/14 PG&E informs staff that updated curves to calculate SCDF will not be available until March 2015



- II. Current status
 - a. Project plan being revised to consider following approach
 - i. Qualitative discussion of changes to SCDF based on sensitivity information in State of California report
 - ii. Focused updated deterministic calculation using NRC developed ground motion model
 - iii. Determination on whether in-structure response spectra analysis discussed in DPO can be performed by PG&E using new information
- III. Other issues
 - a. Status of review of State of California report
 - i. Updates on when report will be made publicly available
 - b. Status of release of DPO information
 - c. Status of Friends of the Earth Petition
- IV. Next steps
- V. Wrapup

Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:45 PM
To: Harrington, Holly; Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Dricks, Victor
Subject: Re: Draft WIR

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Lara Uselding
NRC Region 4 Public Affairs
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From: Harrington, Holly
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 03:28 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Uselding, Lara; Dricks, Victor
Subject: RE: Draft WIR

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Holly Harrington

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From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:25 PM
To: Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Uselding, Lara; Dricks, Victor; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Fw: Draft WIR

I have absolutely no clue what a WIR is. Wow, it's real?

From: Pedersen, Renee
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 04:22 PM
To: Sampson, Michele; Galloway, Melanie
Cc: Segala, John; Sewell, Margaret; Brenner, Eliot
Subject: RE: Draft WIR

Thanks Michele!! We are working on the ADAMS record as we speak. I'll send you the ML number as soon as I get it.

From: Sampson, Michele
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:18 PM
To: Galloway, Melanie
Cc: Pedersen, Renee; Segala, John
Subject: Draft WIR

Renee is putting together the public case file and will provide the ML number when it is available. I have a placeholder in the WIR at the end to include that information. Please let me know if you have any comments, or any additional information that you may need.

Thank you,
Michele Sampson, Chief
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Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Division
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Melanie,

Attached is a draft WIR for the DPO Appeal Decision. Trent Wertz in NRR has reviewed it and I've incorporated his comments.

Renee is putting together the public case file and will provide the ML number when it is available. I have a placeholder in the WIR at the end to include that information. Please let me know if you have any comments, or any additional information that you may need.

Thank you,

Michele Sampson, Chief

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From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:57 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Schwartzman, Jennifer
Cc: Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David
Subject: RE: diablo

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From: Brenner, Eliot
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 12:47 PM
To: Schwartzman, Jennifer
Cc: Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Uselding, Lara
Subject: diablo

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 8:34 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot; McIntyre, David; Harrington, Holly; Uselding, Lara; Dricks, Victor
Cc: Oesterle, Eric
Subject: DPO comm plan

I'm told by reliable sources that NRR is updating the plan to account for the EDO decision and we'll see it this morning.

Sent from an NRC Blackberry
Scott Burnell

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:45 AM
To: McIntyre, David; Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Re: Diablo DPO IS public in ADAMS

Yes, I agree.

Sent from an NRC Blackberry

Scott Burnell

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From: McIntyre, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 09:42 AM
To: Burnell, Scott; Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: RE: Diablo DPO IS public in ADAMS

But it IS public as of yesterday. They just won't be able to find it via our nrc.gov website until later today

From: Burnell, Scott
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:42 AM
To: McIntyre, David; Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly
Subject: Re: Diablo DPO IS public in ADAMS

I would imagine someone's given ADAMS staff a nudge to immediately replicate it to the public site.

Sent from an NRC Blackberry

Scott Burnell

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From: McIntyre, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 09:39 AM
To: Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott
Subject: Diablo DPO IS public in ADAMS

Lara, et al – The DPO is public in Adams at ML14252A743. It was dated yesterday (9/9) and date to be released is yesterday (9/9). It does not yet come up in web-based Adams, which has a 1-day delay; however, anyone who has direct adams access can already find it. (eg., Platts, I imagine)

Brenner, Eliot

From: Uselding, Lara
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 2:21 PM
To: Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott
Cc: Harrington, Holly
Subject: Ready for review by Chairman STATEREPORTblogFINAL.docx
Attachments: STATEREPORTblogFINAL.docx

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Brenner, Eliot

From: Dricks, Victor
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 8:26 AM
To: Dapas, Marc; Kennedy, Kriss; Pruett, Troy; Useiding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot
Subject: FW: NRC again rebuffs inspector's concerns of quake safety at Diablo Canyon

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – After suppressing a safety inspector's report for more than a year, federal regulators are continuing to brush aside his warning that the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant may not be safe from an earthquake stronger than the aging plant was designed to withstand.

Today the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission notified Friends of the Earth that it has dismissed the Differing Professional Opinion filed in June 2013 by Dr. Michael Peck, who was then chief resident inspector at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, on the Pacific coast between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Peck wrote that new seismic data, unknown when the plant was built more than 40 years ago, show that the NRC and Pacific Gas & Electric Co. can no longer be sure the plant is safe to operate. He said since the plant is now in violation of its federal operating license, it should be shut down pending additional safety studies.

Friends of the Earth, which has filed a petition with the NRC to shut the plant and conduct an adjudicated relicensing hearing with public participation, said the decision is deeply disturbing, especially since it comes before the long-awaited release of PG&E's long-overdue seismic safety study.

A statement from Damon Moglen, senior strategic advisor for Friends of the Earth:

For over a year, the NRC has kept secret the recommendation of its then-Resident Inspector that the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant is operating in violation of its license and should be shut down until proven safe. Now that the Associated Press has penetrated the NRC's veil of secrecy, the agency announced that it has denied Dr. Michael Peck's recommendation, without affording anyone else an opportunity to contribute evidence or expert opinion to inform that decision.

Fortunately the Atomic Energy Act did not empower the NRC to be a dictator and make highly contested decisions behind closed doors. Under the Act, the public has a voice. Friends of the Earth has raised that voice in its petition to the NRC. The regulator must provide the public a chance to hear the facts, weigh the evidence and give input on this vital issue of health and safety.

Diablo Canyon could never be built on such an earthquake-prone site today. It should not be allowed to operate for another day without being closed and subjected to a full public safety review.



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Brenner, Eliot

From: Dricks, Victor
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 8:27 AM
To: Brenner, Eliot
Subject: FW: PG&E's report on seismic safety at Diablo Canyon: the disturbing truth

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PG&E's report on seismic safety at Diablo Canyon: the disturbing truth *Friends of the Earth: Alarming findings should trigger immediate closure of nuclear plant*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Pacific Gas and Electric Co. released today its long-awaited, state-mandated seismic safety study of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, with disturbing findings that Friends of the Earth says should result in immediate closure of the plant.

The study finds that the nearby Shoreline Fault, only discovered a few years ago, is far longer than previously assumed (the longer the fault, the more energy it can release in an earthquake). And PG&E now concedes that it should be assumed that the Shoreline Fault may connect to other nearby faults that surround the Diablo Canyon reactors; such linked faults can mean a far greater potential for ground motion/shaking. An earthquake on one fault could trigger a quake on an interconnected fault, producing a larger quake than one fault alone.

"Decrepit reactors on an array of active seismic faults is a recipe for disaster," said Damon Moglen, Senior strategic advisor at Friends of the Earth. "PG&E is trying to spin the facts and asking the public to blindly trust them. But the facts are clear: the plant's two aging reactors -- designed in the 1960s and built in the 1970s -- are surrounded by dangerous earthquake faults that were unknown at the time of construction, and these faults are capable of far stronger shaking than the plant was designed and built to withstand."

David Freeman, a nuclear power expert who is former head of the federal Tennessee Valley Authority, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, said PG&E has issued a "self-serving statement that puts safety last and its profits first."