

**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 8:22 AM  
**To:** Peck, Michael  
**Cc:** Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** DPO Case File Public

Hi Michael,

I just wanted you to know that the DPO Case File is public and a summary of the case will be included in the next WIR and the summary will link to the DPO Case File.

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**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 12:00 PM  
**To:** Summers, Raymond; DocProcessing Center; Hasan, Nasreen  
**Cc:** Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian; Nguyen, Kenny; Repetto, John; Solorio, Dave  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important record!!



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**From:** Summers, Raymond  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 11:45 AM  
**To:** DocProcessing Center; Hasan, Nasreen  
**Cc:** Pedersen, Renee; Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian; Nguyen, Kenny; Repetto, John  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002

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**From:** Repetto, John **On Behalf Of** DocProcessing Center  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:53 AM  
**To:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Cc:** Pedersen, Renee; Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian; Broadnax, Tawanna; Summers, Raymond; Freund, Joy  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002

Nasreen,

In order for DPC to process this, you must add SUNSI Review Complete in the profile Keyword field if SUNSI has been completed.

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John (Rick) Repetto  
NRC Document Processing Center (DPC)  
Profile QC Manager

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**From:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:12 AM  
**To:** DocProcessing Center  
**Cc:** Pedersen, Renee; Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian

**Subject:** URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002

**Importance:** High

Please process this document and make this publicly available urgently.

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*Thank you for your support!*

*Nasreen Hasan*

*Administrative Assistant*

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*Location / Mailstop: O-4A15A*

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*Fax: (301)415-3431*

**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 11:10 AM  
**To:** Satorius, Mark  
**Cc:** Galloway, Melanie; Sampson, Michele; Segala, John; Zimmerman, Roy; Brenner, Eliot; Holahan, Patricia; Dorman, Dan; Hilton, Nick; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** FYI: DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002 is now public  
**Importance:** High

Mark,

Just wanted to let everyone know that the DPO Case File is now publicly available. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Renée

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**From:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 11:04 AM  
**To:** Pedersen, Renee; Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002

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**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:54 AM  
**To:** DocProcessing Center; Hasan, Nasreen  
**Cc:** Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian; Broadnax, Tawanna; Summers, Raymond; Freund, Joy  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002

Nasreen,

Please take action to indicate that the SUNSI review has been completed.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:53 AM  
**To:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Cc:** Pedersen, Renee; Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian; Broadnax, Tawanna; Summers, Raymond; Freund, Joy  
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**To:** DocProcessing Center  
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*Thank you for your support!*

*Nasreen Hasan  
Administrative Assistant*

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**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:51 AM  
**To:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002

**Importance:** High

I sent this so Dave can see how helpful you have been!! (also to let DPC know that EDO is waiting for response)

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** Hasan, Nasreen; DocProcessing Center  
**Cc:** Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002  
**Importance:** High

Nasreen,

Thank you for following up on this. The EDO is very interested in having this document public as soon as possible. Please let me know when it is public so I can notify him (and OPA).

Thanks!

Renée Pedersen  
Sr. Differing Views Program Manager

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**From:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:12 AM  
**To:** DocProcessing Center  
**Cc:** Pedersen, Renee; Sewell, Margaret; Beckford, Kaydian  
**Subject:** URGENT - DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002  
**Importance:** High

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*Thank you for your support!*

*Nasreen Hasan  
Administrative Assistant  
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**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 8:47 AM  
**To:** Beckford, Kaydian; Hasan, Nasreen  
**Cc:** Hilton, Nick; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** ACTION: Please confirm availability of DPO File in ADAMS

**Importance:** High

Ladies,

Thanks so much for your help yesterday with this important record. There will likely be a lot of public interest involving Diablo Canyon today and it was very important for the EDO to have his decision available to the public as soon as practical after he signed his decision.

It appears that the record is still draft class. As requested, I would appreciate if you would let me know as soon as the record is publicly available so I can notify the OEDO, as they have requested.

Renée

**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:42 PM  
**To:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Cc:** Beckford, Kaydian; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** RE: ML14252A743 DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002 (Public)

**Importance:** High

Nasreen,

Yes, the document title is correct. Can you please send to the DPC and request that they declare the record and make it immediately released to the public. This is a high interest request from the OEDO.

Can you also please let us know when the record is actually available to the public?

Thanks!  
Renée

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**From:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:25 PM  
**To:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Subject:** FW: ML14252A743 DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002 (Public)

Renee,

Marge is not responding. Could you please confirm the title?

Thank you,  
Nasreen

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**From:** Hasan, Nasreen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:11 PM  
**To:** Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** ML14252A743 DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002 (Public)

Marge,

Please see the document below. I am about to add the document into DPC as immediate public release. Please let me know if everything is ok.

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*Thank you,  
Nasreen Hasan  
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**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:53 PM  
**To:** Dorman, Dan  
**Cc:** Wertz, Trent; Uhle, Jennifer; Evans, Michele; Case, Michael; Markley, Michael; Holahan, Patricia; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** ACTION: Need Approval for Public Release of DPO Case File  
**Attachments:** DPO Case File-DPO-2013-002 (Public).pdf

**Importance:** High

<b>Tracking:</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Read</b>
	Dorman, Dan	
	Wertz, Trent	
	Uhle, Jennifer	Read: 09/09/2014 3:49 PM
	Evans, Michele	Read: 09/09/2014 3:17 PM
	Case, Michael	
	Markley, Michael	Read: 09/09/2014 3:18 PM
	Holahan, Patricia	Read: 09/09/2014 4:09 PM
	Solorio, Dave	Read: 09/09/2014 3:19 PM
	Sewell, Margaret	

Dan,

The EDO has issued his decision and the employee has asked that the DPO Case File be made available to the public.

We have previously communicated with your staff and they indicated that they did not see the need for any redactions in the DPO Case File.

In accordance with the guidance in MD 10.159, you are responsible for ensuring that information is appropriately released to the public.

Therefore, please confirm that you support public release of the complete DPO Case File.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

We are hoping to get this declared as a public OAR ASAP so it will be available to the public by tomorrow.

Renée

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**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:46 PM  
**To:** Peck, Michael  
**Subject:** Decision on DPO Appeal  
**Attachments:** Differing Professional Opinions Appeal Decision Involving Seismic Issues....docx;  
Untitled.pdf

**Importance:** High

<b>Tracking:</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Read</b>
	Peck, Michael	Read: 09/09/2014 1:55 PM
	Galloway, Melanie	Read: 09/09/2014 1:55 PM
	Sampson, Michele	Read: 09/09/2014 1:47 PM
	Sewell, Margaret	

Michael,

Here is the EDO's decision on your appeal. It will be dispatched via ADAMS shortly and the signed memo will be sent to you in an Addressee Only envelop.

Section (D)(7) in the Handbook for MD 10.159 addresses DPO records. The guidance provides you with an opportunity to request that the records be made available to the public. If you want the records public (with or without release of your identity), the records included in the DPO Case File will be subject to a releasability review to support discretionary release.

The records included in the DPO Case File include:

- Document 1: DPO Submittal
- Document 2: Memo from Office Director Establishing DPO Panel
- Document 3: DPO Panel Report
- Document 4: DPO Decision
- Document 5: DPO Appeal Submittal
- Document 6: Office Director's Statement of Views
- Document 7: DPO Submitter's Appeal Presentation to OEDO
- Document 8: DPO Appeal Decision

Please respond to this email and **highlight** your preference from the three choices listed below.

1. You want the DPO Case File made available to the public.
2. You want the DPO Case File made public, but want your name redacted.
3. You want the DPO case file made non-public (only the DPOPM and the EDO will have NRC viewer rights in ADAMS).

If you want the records public, a link to the DPO Case File will be included in the summary of the decision that is included in Weekly Information Report posted on the public Web site. In addition, your DPO will be posted on the DPO Web page of the internal Web site.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to your response.

Thanks,  
Renée

## Pedersen, Renee

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 3:16 PM  
**To:** Satorius, Mark  
**Cc:** Galloway, Melanie; Sampson, Michele; Holahan, Patricia; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret; Dorman, Dan; Wertz, Trent; Kreuter, Jane; Jaegers, Cathy  
**Subject:** RE: DPO Submitter is here until 4:00

Good news, NRR just informed me that they see no need for redactions so it makes the process easier.

Jane,

If OE can get the Word version of the decision that will be record that goes into ADAMS, it will help us expedite the process further as we build our giant DPO Case File pdf.

Thanks!

Renée

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**From:** Satorius, Mark  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 2:59 PM  
**To:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Cc:** Galloway, Melanie; Sampson, Michele; Holahan, Patricia; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret; Dorman, Dan; Wertz, Trent  
**Subject:** RE: DPO Submitter is here until 4:00

thanks

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2014 2:57 PM  
**To:** Satorius, Mark  
**Cc:** Galloway, Melanie; Sampson, Michele; Holahan, Patricia; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret; Dorman, Dan; Wertz, Trent  
**Subject:** DPO Submitter is here until 4:00  
**Importance:** High

Mark,

Michael is in today until 4:00 our time. He said he would like to review the decision before he responds to my email about release. He said if he got it later today that he would probably respond in the morning.

As I mentioned, as soon as we get your decision, we will include in the DPO Case File and send to NRR with request for review to support public release. If it turns out that Michael doesn't want it public, we won't use that record. The agency can speak to your decision in terms of the substance, but we just wouldn't release the actual record. This is where the summary from the WIR can help to give to OPA.

If we are on track for public release, we will move this as fast as NRR responding back to us with redacted record. We'll profile and send to ADAMS for immediate release, but it is my understanding that there is still a certain delay in having documents uploaded to ADAMS in web platform. It still looks good for ADAMS record to be viewable by public by Wednesday.

Renée

## Pedersen, Renee

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2014 10:46 AM  
**To:** Dorman, Dan  
**Cc:** Wertz, Trent; Holahan, Patricia; Sewell, Margaret; Solorio, Dave  
**Subject:** Diablo Canyon DPO

Good morning Dan,

Happy Friday! I just wanted to let you know that I had additional discussion with Mark yesterday about the decision on the DPO appeal. He is very interested in making sure that we can release the DPO Case file as soon as possible after he issues his decision (which may happen as soon as September 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>).

Please let us know if you need additional assistance from us to support the releasability review of the documents in the DPO Case file.

In the meantime, I was copied on an email about a petition from the Friends of the Earth (FOE) that referenced the DPO. I spoke with an attorney on the issue (Dave Roth) and gave him the update of where we are in the DPO process.

Renée

**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 28, 2014 12:00 PM  
**To:** Satorius, Mark; Galloway, Melanie; Zimmerman, Roy  
**Cc:** Holahan, Patricia; Solorio, Dave; Sewell, Margaret; Sieracki, Diane  
**Subject:** DPO Information  
**Attachments:** FW: updated AP story -Boxer stating she'll hold a Senate hearing on this; Anticipating Need for Public Release of DPO Case File; FW: Anticipating Need for Public Release of DPO Case File

Mark,

As requested, I'm sending you a few of the emails that I have sent out to address the Diablo Canyon DPO.

As I mentioned during our meeting, the DPO Web site includes all WIR summaries for closed DPOs and includes an ADAMS link to the DPO Case file, which will include the DPO Decision and DPO Appeal Decision (if applicable.) Cases that have been appealed include an "A" in the date closed. This information was included in the materials we provided and reiterated in communications with Michele.

You may want to take a look at the appeal decision for DPO-2006-005. I'm including screen shots to show you how to get there. Just let us know if you would like us to bring up any hard copies of materials.

OE can also review your decision for "readability" and messaging. Just let us know.

*We're here to help!!*

Renée



# Differing Professional Opinions (DPO) Program

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The following DPO cases were received, processed, and completed from closed is either the date of the DPO Decision or the date of the DPO Ap

NOTE: Although it is appropriate for employees to discuss the details of with other predecisional processes, employees should not discuss speci submitter) outside of the agency. The DPO PM should be notified of all o (301-415-2741; DPOPM.Resource@nrc.gov). When necessary, after cc level, the existence of an active DPO and the nature of the concern bein

DPO Case Number	Subject
DPO-2005-001	Force-on-Force Evaluation Criteria
DPO-2005-002	Red Oil Events at the Proposed MFFF
DPO-2005-003	Oconee Pipe Whip Restraints
DPO-2005-004	NRR Declination of TIA on MSIV Local I
DPO-2005-005	Chemical Consequence Levels at the P
DPO-2005-006	Publication of a Draft NUREG on Fire M Verification and Validation for Public Co
DPO-2005-007	Farley Control Rod Technical Specifica
DPO-2005-008	Emergency Preparedness for Day Care



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## DPO-2006-005: Management Pc Facilities

### DPO Case File - ADAMS Package ML101810

#### DPO Appeal Decision

On January 9, 2008, the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) issued a (DPO) decision regarding United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) providing necessary to review USEC's license application for the American C this appeal addressing the fact that the DPO Panel did not address completeness of the ISA. The submitters also raised concerns re concerns on commitment to resources and contents of commu relevant information and meetings with the DPO Panel and the sub is consistent with the requirements of Part 70 and that the Standar when considered along with the rule itself and the Statement of Cor materials facilities applications, the EDO's decision clarified previo appropriate, the NRC's licensing guidance (e.g. NUREG-1520) to ir facilities in accordance with 10 CFR Part 70 (2) review and revise, operational readiness review required in 10 CFR 70.32 (k), and (3) Required for Safety are reflected in the ISA summary.

January 9, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Frederick Burrows, Sr., Electrical Engineer (Retired)  
Melanie Galloway, Acting Deputy Division Director  
Division of Engineering  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Regulation  
Christopher Tripp, Senior Nuclear Process Engineer (Cri  
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

FROM: Luis A. Reyes */RA/*  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL OPINION APPEAL INVOI  
MANAGEMENT POLICY ON LICENSING NEW FUEL C  
FACILITIES (DPO-2006-005)

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of my considerations and conclu regarding the appeal you submitted on November 15, 2006, on the subject Differing Opinion (DPO). Based on an extensive review of associated documents, I determi support the conclusions made by the DPO Ad-hoc Review Panel in their final repor decision issued by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safegu

Background:



## Pedersen, Renee

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 12:18 PM  
**To:** Dorman, Dan  
**Subject:** FW: Anticipating Need for Public Release of DPO Case File  
**Attachments:** Releasability Review of DPO Case Files-2014.docx

**Importance:** High

Dan,

FYI...

In addition, I saw Mike Case this morning and mentioned the interest in turning this around quickly.

Renée

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 1:27 PM  
**To:** Wertz, Trent  
**Cc:** Sewell, Margaret; Solorio, Dave; Arrighi, Russell; McIntyre, David; Burnell, Scott; Sampson, Michele; Case, Michael; Holahan, Patricia  
**Subject:** Anticipating Need for Public Release of DPO Case File  
**Importance:** High

Trent,

Normally we wait until the case is complete and then ask the employee if they want the DPO Case File public and if so, begin the process for discretionary release.

Because we want to be able to address this issue as soon as possible, and because it is likely that the employee will want the DPO Case File public when the process is complete, we are asking for NRR support in reviewing documents for discretionary release before we build the final DPO Case File pdf.

Please use the enclosed procedures to get a jump start on the releasability review.

Please review:

- The DPO submittal
- The DPO Panel report
- The DPO Decision
- The DPO appeal
- The Statement of Views

When Mark issues the decision, we will assemble the records in a pdf and ask you to create a redacted record (if necessary).

NRR should be prepared with their communication plan.

The summary will go out in the Weekly Information report with a link to the public ADAMS record.

**Pedersen, Renee**

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 01, 2014 9:09 AM  
**To:** Wertz, Trent  
**Cc:** Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** RE: SOVs on Diablo Canyon

Trent,

Please make sure to send to the EDO *through* the DPOPM (in accordance with the MD guidance). We'll subsequently bundle the DPO Case file and send to EDO. See previous example. Please call if you have any questions.

Renée



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMM  
2443 WARRENVILLE RD.  
LISLE, IL 60532-4352

July 9, 2009

MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations

THRU: Renee Pedersen, Differing Views Program Manager  
Office of Enforcement  
/ RA / original signed by:

FROM: Mark A. Satorius, Regional Administrator  
Region III

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF VIEWS (SOVS) – RE: DIFFERING  
PROFESSIONAL OPINION INVOLVING FENOC RE  
TO NRC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (DPO-200

On October 15, 2008, a Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) was submitted to Jai who was the RIII Administrator at that time. The DPO was focused on whether a v CFR 50.9 occurred when First Energy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) omit document from its May 2, 2007, response to a Request for Information (RFI). The disagreed with the conclusion of two Allegations Review Boards (ARBs), which fou omission did not render the RFI response materially incomplete or inaccurate. A p formed to review the DPO and concluded that the ARBs reasonably decided not to violation of 10 CFR 50.9 against FENOC because the omitted document was not r NRC. I agreed with the Panel's findings and provided my decision to the submitter 2009. On June 18, 2009, the submitter appealed that decision to the Executive Di

**From:** Wertz, Trent  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2014 9:51 AM  
**To:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Cc:** Sewell, Margaret  
**Subject:** RE: SOVs on Diablo Canyon

Renee,

Eric signed his SOV on Friday. It will go to OEDO today.

Trent

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**From:** Pedersen, Renee  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2014 4:33 PM  
**To:** Leeds, Eric  
**Cc:** Dorman, Dan; Wertz, Trent; Sewell, Margaret; Sieracki, Diane  
**Subject:** SOVs on Diablo Canyon

Eric,

I still can't believe you're leaving!! The place won't be the same without you.

But, as they say in show business, the show must go on, so we'll forge ahead. The next thing on the DPO horizon is your statement of views (SOVs) on the contested issues in the appeal of your Diablo Canyon DPO Decision. I realize that you probably won't have an opportunity to complete this, but perhaps you can share your thoughts with Dan before you leave.

We have asked for the SOVs by July 11, 2014. However, we understand that this could be a challenge for a number of reasons, including if a permanent OD is announced between now and the 11<sup>th</sup>. There is no metric or timeliness goal in the current MD for this activity, but we have established a 14-day goal based on receipt of the appeal in the proposed revision based on the desire to get the appeal up to the EDO for consideration in a reasonable timeframe.

Please keep us posted.

Thanks and happy trails Eric!!

Renée

P.S. Our signed & dated request will be sent to NRR in ADAMS next week.

## Harrington, Holly

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**From:** Juliana Hoskinson <jhoskinson@bulletinintelligence.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 05, 2014 9:39 AM  
**To:** Harrington, Holly; bulletin news  
**Subject:** RE: NRC is reviewing employee's concerns | Letters to the Editor | SanLuisObispo

Hi Holly,

Thanks for the link. From what I could gather, it posted about an hour or so ago, so we wouldn't have caught it. We'll be sure to include it Monday.

Best regards,  
Juliana

Juliana Hoskinson  
Director of Product Management  
(703) 483-6192 (work) | (703) 483-6112 (fax)

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

**From:** Harrington, Holly [<mailto:Holly.Harrington@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 05, 2014 9:36 AM  
**To:** bulletin news ([NRC-editors@bulletinnews.com](mailto:NRC-editors@bulletinnews.com))  
**Subject:** FW: NRC is reviewing employee's concerns | Letters to the Editor | SanLuisObispo

This was missing from the clips. Can you make sure it gets into Monday's version?

Holly Harrington

Senior Level Advisor  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

301.415.8203

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

**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Friday, September 05, 2014 9:32 AM  
**To:** Dapas, Marc; Kennedy, Kriss; Pruett, Troy; Hay, Michael; Clark, Jeff; Miller, Geoffrey; Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Dricks, Victor  
**Cc:** Hipschman, Thomas; Reynoso, John; Walker, Wayne; Alexander, Ryan; Buchanan, Theresa  
**Subject:** NRC is reviewing employee's concerns | Letters to the Editor | SanLuisObispo

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2014/09/05/3228909/nrc-is-reviewing-employees-concerns.html?sp=/99/181/182/>

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**Harrington, Holly**

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**From:** Brenner, Eliot  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:15 PM  
**To:** Uselding, Lara; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott  
**Cc:** Dricks, Victor  
**Subject:** RE:

One riot. One ranger.

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

**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:12 PM  
**To:** Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott  
**Cc:** Dricks, Victor  
**Subject:** RE:

Please keep me posted...what a storm of activity - napa eq, seismic, sewell report, dpo leak, state report AND this final review

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

**From:** Brenner, Eliot  
Just FYI, Satorius is expected to finish his decision

**Harrington, Holly**

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**From:** Schwartzman, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 1:49 PM  
**To:** Harrington, Holly  
**Subject:** RE: second stab at Diablo blog post  
**Attachments:** DiabloRpt\_blog\_srb.docx

Here it is with our comments.

**From:** Harrington, Holly  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 3:57 PM  
**To:** Schwartzman, Jennifer  
**Subject:** second stab at Diablo blog post

See what you think. I'm much happier. It's now 13.9 BTW

Holly Harrington

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Office of Public Affairs  
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## Harrington, Holly

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Thanks for your help pushing it through , we needed to have it run :)

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**From:** Harrington, Holly  
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**To:** Uselding, Lara; Dapas, Marc; Kennedy, Kriss; Pruett, Troy; Hay, Michael; Clark, Jeff; Miller, Geoffrey; Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Dricks, Victor  
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**Brenner, Eliot**

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**From:** Burnell, Scott  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 7:54 AM  
**To:** Bates, Andrew; Hart, Ken; Baval, Rochelle; Laufer, Richard; Akstulewicz, Brenda; Jimenez, Patricia  
**Cc:** Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Savoy, Carmel  
**Subject:** Morning note

OPA -- An array of outlets, primarily California media, covered the leaked Differing Professional Opinion (minus the ongoing staff review and response) regarding Diablo Canyon's seismic design

Outside of Scope

**Brenner, Eliot**

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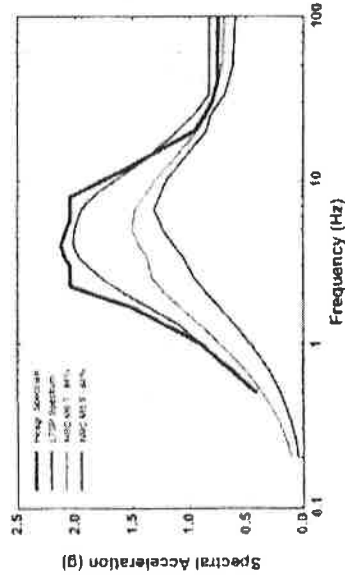
**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:26 AM  
**To:** Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott  
**Subject:** BROCHURE RIL.docx  
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### RIL 09-001

- The NRC's first assessment of the Shoreline fault was detailed in RIL 09-001 and was based on information available at the time. The NRC found the Shoreline fault's maximum predicted shaking is less than what the plant was previously analyzed for.

### RIL 12-001

- RIL 12-01, "Confirmatory Analysis of Seismic Hazard at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant from the Shoreline Fault Zone," updates the NRC's evaluation based on information PG&E provided in January 2011, as well as a staff visit to Diablo Canyon.
- The NRC continues to conclude that ground shaking from the Shoreline fault's earthquake scenarios are less than the HE and LTSP ground motion levels for which the plant was previously evaluated and demonstrated to have reasonable assurance of safety



**Comparison of Hosgri and LTSP Spectra to NRC Deterministic Evaluation Results**

## JAPAN LESSONS LEARNED

- The NRC staff issued a request for additional information to all nuclear power plants on March 12, 2012, to initiate several actions as a result of lessons learned from the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident in Japan:
  - Conduct "walkdowns" of all nuclear power plants to verify flooding and seismic protection features



- Reevaluate flooding and seismic hazard and design using present day methods and guidance

- The DCCP seismic hazard reevaluation, scheduled to be submitted by March 2015, will assess all known faults in the area (i.e., not limited to just the Shoreline fault) using a process similar to what is done for siting new reactors.

For additional information contact the Office of Public Affairs. Phone: (301) 415-8200 or email: opa@nrc.gov



## NRC REVIEW OF SEISMIC HAZARD AT THE DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT FROM THE SHORELINE FAULT ZONE



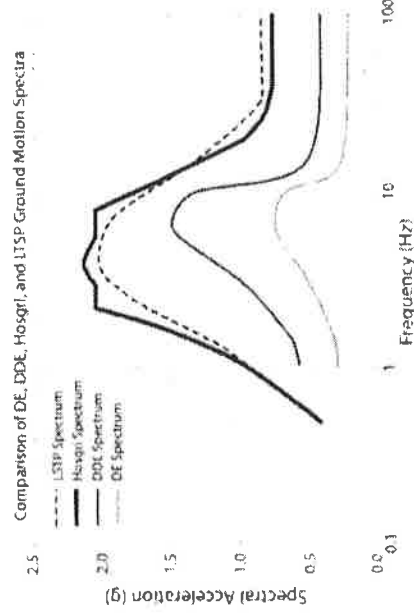
This brochure provides an overview of the NRC's review of the Shoreline fault zone near Diablo Canyon. It also places the Shoreline fault review in context with the NRC's request that all U.S. nuclear power plants reanalyze seismic hazards based on lessons learned from the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident in Japan.

(Prepared November 2012)

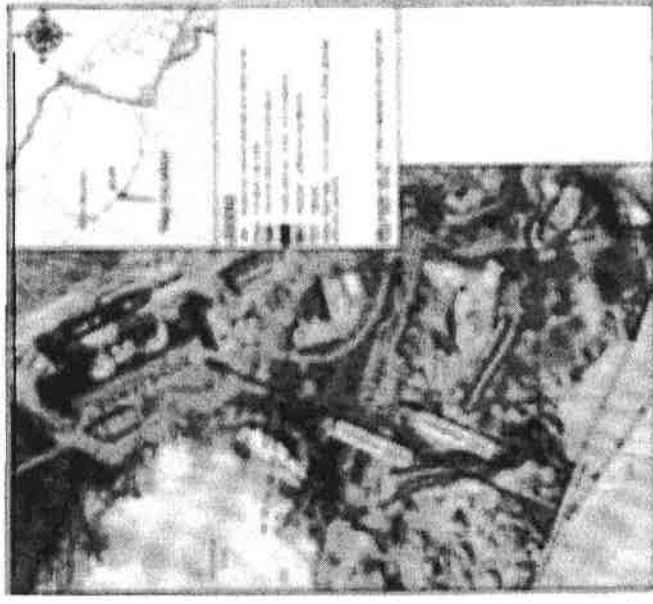
## DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT SEISMIC BACKGROUND

- Nuclear power plant designs consider earthquake effects by providing margins against ground motion levels at the plant site.
  - The ground motion levels show how much energy (measured in 'g,' or percent of Earth's gravity) is transmitted at different shaking frequencies
- Designers use ground motion levels to analyze how structures and equipment respond during an earthquake
- Diablo Canyon is licensed to three earthquake ground motions (most plants have two)
  - Design Earthquake (DE) ground motion is the biggest earthquake the plant is allowed to continue operating through
    - The DE ground motion level is 0.2g anchored at 100 Hz
  - Double Design Earthquake (DDE), ground motion is the shaking level at which all safety related equipment must remain functional
    - The DDE ground motion level is double the amplitude of the DE (0.4g peak ground acceleration anchored at 100 Hz)

- Hosgri Earthquake (HE) ground motion level, which is based on an earthquake from the Hosgri fault which was discovered in 1971.
  - The HE ground motion level is 0.75g peak ground acceleration anchored at 100 Hz based on a 7.5 magnitude earthquake 5 kilometers from the site
- Diablo Canyon's design was modified so that sufficient equipment survives the HE to safely shutdown the plant and keep the nuclear fuel cool
- Long Term Seismic Program (LTSP)
  - The plant's original license required seismic reevaluation in 10 years
  - The LTSP was initiated to meet this license condition
  - The LTSP spectrum has been used to evaluate seismic margins



## SHORELINE FAULT



- In November of 2008, plant owner Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) informed the NRC it had identified a previously unknown fault during collaborative research with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
  - The Shoreline fault is approximately 600 meters from the reactor and 300 meters offshore
  - The NRC's first assessment of the Shoreline fault was detailed in Research Information Letter (RIL) 09-001, "Preliminary Deterministic Analysis of Seismic Hazard at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant from Newly Identified 'Shoreline Fault'"

**Brenner, Eliot**

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**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2014 3:46 PM  
**To:** Brenner, Eliot  
**Subject:** RE: TNT - no early dismissal today? :)

Outside of Scope

**From:** Brenner, Eliot  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2014 2:44 PM  
**To:** Uselding, Lara; Harrington, Holly  
**Subject:** RE: TNT - no early dismissal today? :)

Outside of Scope

**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2014 3:31 PM  
**To:** Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly  
**Subject:** TNT - no early dismissal today? :)

**DIABLO CANYON /DPO** – We continued to discuss the status of the leaked DPO with the San Luis Obispo News Tribune and a California Energy Markets reporter. We explained the DPO process and that it is not being hid from the public. We reiterated that, at this time, the NRC continues to conclude the plant is built to safely withstand the effects of a Hosgri earthquake and that the plant would protect the public and the environment. We pointed to the Research Information Letter as the basis for this.

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**Brenner, Eliot**

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**From:** Harrington, Holly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 1:25 PM  
**To:** Schwartzman, Jennifer; Niedzielski-Eichner, Phillip  
**Cc:** Brenner, Eliot  
**Subject:** Letter to the Editor  
**Attachments:** lettereditorfinal).docx

This was written by (and will be signed by) Lara Uselding in our Region IV OPA. She feels strongly we should push back on this erroneous coverage. This letter has been reviewed by, well, a cast of thousands, and the language has been OK'd. (I've actually sent it back for final, final review.) But this should be considered largely final. Please review and let me know your sentiments . . .

Thanks,

Holly Harrington

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The word on the street, as reflected in an Aug. 28 editorial entitled "NRC should respond to the Diablo report" and a Sept. 1 "Close Diablo Canyon" letter, is that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not answered one of its current employee's differing professional opinion and is hiding its contents. This is incorrect.

A Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) is one of many paths the NRC encourages staff to use for officially documenting their differing views, including an Open Door Policy and a Non-Concurrence Process. Consistent with our [guidance for implementing the DPO process](#), a decision was rendered by the Nuclear Reactor Regulation Director to the submitter, Michael Peck, and he appealed the decision, which resulted in additional review from the Executive Director of Operations. Once that review is complete and a decision is rendered, a summary will be posted on the NRC public web site as part of the Commission's Weekly Information Report. In addition, if the submitter asks to have the documents publically released, the summary will include a link to the DPO Case File (subject to appropriate redactions, according to agency requirements).

This process is not yet complete and there is no final decision. However, a document purporting to be Mr. Peck's DPO was published by interest groups. We do not release predecisional documents and we protect those who want to challenge an agency decision. This document did not come from the NRC. To be clear, the NRC is following its rules related to DPOs.

NRC strives to establish and maintain an open collaborative work environment that encourages all employees and contractors to promptly speak up and share concerns and differing views without fear of negative consequences. It is a healthy and necessary part of the regulatory process and the agency has an obligation to protect the individuals submitting non-concurrences and DPOs.

The NRC expects to complete the appeal in mid-September 2014 and following the appeal decision, the staff will ask the submitter whether he would like public release of the DPO Case File.

**Brenner, Eliot**

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**From:** Harrington, Holly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 3:30 PM  
**To:** Brenner, Eliot  
**Subject:** FW: Ready for review by Chairman STATEREPORTblogFINAL.docx  
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I understand you OK'd this? It's grade 16 and kind of mess . . . Whatever

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**Cc:** Harrington, Holly  
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**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 3:00 PM  
**To:** 'steven.dolley@platts.com'  
**Cc:** Dricks, Victor  
**Subject:** FW: FOE comments on Diablo Canyon seismic report

Hello Steve!

We know of no collaboration between NRC and PG&E regarding the individual timing of releases. (i.e. DPO decision and state-require report)  
However, we take these matters seriously and the NRC staff itself has referred the matter to the agency's Inspector General.

Lara

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**From:** Dolley, Steven [<mailto:steven.dolley@platts.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 10:26 AM  
**To:** Dricks, Victor  
**Subject:** RE: FOE comments on Diablo Canyon seismic report

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Thanks,  
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**To:** Brenner, Eliot; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott  
**Subject:** RE:

Is our blog going up today?

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**From:** Brenner, Eliot  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** Uselding, Lara; Harrington, Holly; Burnell, Scott  
**Subject:** Re: PG&E's report on seismic safety at Diablo Canyon: the disturbing truth

Saw that.

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**Subject:** FW: PG&E's report on seismic safety at Diablo Canyon: the disturbing truth

FOE characterize the report with more info about the Shoreline fault as we proposed in the blog...

**For immediate release:** September 10, 2014

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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."

"It has taken six years for PG&E to acknowledge the risks of the Shoreline fault first identified in 2008. Why has the utility withheld this information for years when it involves such dramatic risk to the public?" asked Freeman, now a special advisor to Friends of the Earth.

Freeman added: "Unfortunately, this seems very much in character for the company responsible for the safety failures that led to the San Bruno natural gas line disaster. This is a 'safety' report by a company that has been indicted by the federal government for its corporate disregard for safety.

Friends of the Earth has filed a petition with the NRC calling for the closure of Diablo Canyon because new seismic data shows that the plant is no longer in compliance with its license and licensing basis and is not safe. The petition says federal regulators and the utility must either undertake an adjudicated public relicensing process to prove that the plant is safe or PG&E should get on with the work of immediately replacing power from Diablo Canyon with safe, clean renewable energy.

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 11:55 AM  
**To:** Brenner, Eliot  
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Our release of info was entirely independent on the release of a PGE report.

**From:** Dolley, Steven [<mailto:steven.dolley@platts.com>]  
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**From:** Kate Colwell [<mailto:kcolwell@foe.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 10:02 AM  
**To:** Dolley, Steven  
**Subject:** Did PG&E and the NRC work together to spin news on Diablo Canyon quake safety?

<http://www.foe.org/news/news-releases/2014-09-did-pge-and-the-nrc-work-together-to-spin-news-on-diablo-canyon-quake-safety>

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## **Did PG&E and the NRC work together to spin news on Diablo Canyon quake safety?**

### **Friends of the Earth files Freedom of Information Act request**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Last week the Nuclear Regulatory Commission denied a dissent by the former chief inspector at the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant, who said new seismic data show the plant may be vulnerable to earthquakes of greater magnitude than allowed by its license. On the same day, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. released a long-awaited seismic study that, like the NRC's ruling, also claimed that Diablo Canyon is safe.

Was the timing a coincidence? Friends of the Earth doubts it.

Today, Friends of the Earth, joined by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Mothers for Peace and the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club filed a Freedom of Information Act request to determine whether the NRC and PG&E improperly worked together on a public relations strategy to counteract widespread news coverage of the inspector's dissent. According to the FOIA request, filed with the NRC in Washington:

The PG&E seismic report, released on the same day [as the decision on the inspector's dissent] indicates a possible relationship between the regulator and its licensee that has brought up widespread public concern regarding the independence of the regulator. There have been numerous concerns as to how the two documents could have been released simultaneously, given that [the handling of the inspector's dissent] has been kept secret.

The FOIA filing comes three days after three PG&E executives and a top staff member of the California Public Utilities Commission were removed for improperly working together to appoint the company's preferred judge to a case stemming from a September 2010 gas line explosion that killed eight people in San Bruno, California.

"You don't have to look any further than today's headlines to see that PG&E is capable of trying to improperly influence a government regulator when its profits are on the line," said Damon Moglen, Senior strategic advisor for Friends of the Earth. "Unfortunately, the NRC's track record on this issue shows an unfortunate tendency to put PG&E's interests before those of public safety. We want to find out to what extent PG&E and the NRC worked together to spin the story that Diablo Canyon is safe, despite the mounting evidence that it is vulnerable to quakes more powerful than it was built to withstand."

San Luis Obispo County supervisor Bruce Gibson, a seismologist and member of the Independent Peer Review Panel for Diablo Canyon appointed by the CPUC, also questioned the timing of the release of PG&E's report.

"PG&E chose to finalize its entire report and release it to the public before it sought any comment from—or even contacted—the peer review panel," Gibson wrote in the San Luis Obispo Tribune. "It appears to me that PG&E's public relations staff advised them to get their story to the public before any detailed questions might be asked."

Dr. Michael Peck, the former chief inspector at Diablo Canyon, in June 2013 filed a dissent known as a Differing Professional Opinion, or DPO, raising concerns that the plant might not withstand an earthquake on one of several fault lines that were not known when it was designed and built more than 40 years ago. Peck called for the shutdown of the plant until and unless PG&E could prove it is safe.

For more than a year, the NRC kept Peck's DPO secret and took no action on it. On August 25, 2014, the Associated Press revealed the existence of Peck's document, prompting Sen. Barbara Boxer of California to call a hearing to examine NRC's handling of the dissent. On September 10, the NRC announced it had ruled against Peck. Within hours, PG&E released a seismic safety study the NRC had ordered in the wake of the Fukushima nuclear disaster in March 2011.

"PG&E's seismic safety study is one more example of its half-century history of trying to rationalize away the extreme earthquake hazards to the Diablo Canyon reactors," said Jane Swanson, San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace. "Despite three earthquake faults identified near Diablo, the NRC has continued to allow this devil of a plant to continue to operate."

Under federal law, the NRC has 20 days to respond to the Freedom of Information Act request.

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**Brenner, Eliot**

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**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 4:03 PM  
**To:** Brenner, Eliot  
**Cc:** Dricks, Victor  
**Subject:** perhaps we could pitch Eileen some story ideas

She's now at Argus media

**From:** Eileen O'Grady [<mailto:eileen.ogrady@argusmedia.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 2:22 PM  
**To:** Uselding, Lara  
**Subject:** RE: Did PG&E and the NRC work together to spin news on Diablo Canyon quake safety?

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**From:** Uselding, Lara [<mailto:Lara.Uselding@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 2:04 PM  
**To:** Eileen O'Grady  
**Subject:** RE: Did PG&E and the NRC work together to spin news on Diablo Canyon quake safety?

Great, thanks. How's it going over there?  
Lara

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Thanks, Lara. I am not planning to write unless ordered by editors. I doubt this is something Argus would get into, but I'm still new here so I could be wrong. I will keep this response.

**From:** Uselding, Lara [<mailto:Lara.Uselding@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 1:59 PM  
**To:** Eileen O'Grady  
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**To:** Dricks, Victor; Uselding, Lara  
**Subject:** FW: Did PG&E and the NRC work together to spin news on Diablo Canyon quake safety?

Victor/Lara: just a heads up in case you have not seen today.

**From:** Kate Colwell [<mailto:kcolwell@foe.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2014 9:01 AM  
**To:** Eileen O'Grady  
**Subject:** Did PG&E and the NRC work together to spin news on Diablo Canyon quake safety?

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### **Friends of the Earth files Freedom of Information Act request**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Last week the Nuclear Regulatory Commission denied a dissent by the former chief inspector at the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant, who said new seismic data show the plant may be vulnerable to earthquakes of greater magnitude than allowed by its license. On the same day, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. released a long-awaited seismic study that, like the NRC's ruling, also claimed that Diablo Canyon is safe.

Was the timing a coincidence? Friends of the Earth doubts it.

Today, Friends of the Earth, joined by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Mothers for Peace and the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club filed a Freedom of Information Act request to determine whether the NRC and PG&E improperly worked together on a public relations strategy to counteract widespread news coverage of the Inspector's dissent. According to the FOIA request, filed with the NRC in Washington:

The PG&E seismic report, released on the same day [as the decision on the inspector's dissent] indicates a possible relationship between the regulator and its licensee that has brought up widespread public concern regarding the independence of the regulator. There have been numerous concerns as to how the two documents could have been released simultaneously, given that [the handling of the inspector's dissent] has been kept secret.

The FOIA filing comes three days after three PG&E executives and a top staff member of the California Public Utilities Commission were removed for improperly working together to appoint the company's preferred judge to a case stemming from a September 2010 gas line explosion that killed eight people in San Bruno, California.

**Brenner, Eliot**

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**From:** Uselding, Lara  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 09, 2014 5:01 PM  
**To:** Harrington, Holly; Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Dricks, Victor  
**Subject:** Re: Draft WIR

Depending on the timing of the release- which I'd very much like to know-reporters are going to be inundated w PGE's state report starting at 11am central. Not for sure how this is going to be received. PGE is issuing a press release and report then..BIG news

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**To:** Uselding, Lara; Brenner, Eliot; Burnell, Scott; McIntyre, David; Dricks, Victor  
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We can tweet; we can do a media advisory; we can do email. We can give (SLO News tribune) a bit of an early heads up, but what do you mean exclusive?

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I'd like to give an exclusive to (David Snead at SLO News Tribune...) thoughts?

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Ok, let's talk at 9am. R4 can call my direct line. That is after my session with the chairman so I should have the 17th floor comments. Refresh my memory on rollout plans. Since we have the whole megilla, what about an email to reporters with a link?