4 August 2010

Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman
c/o Annette I. Vietti-Cook, Secretary to the Commission
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-16G4
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Reference: Diablo Canyon Power Plant Earthquake Fault Hazard

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

On 9 March 2010 the Board of Supervisors for San Luis Obispo County sent your Commission correspondence regarding the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) and a recently discovered offshore earthquake fault in the vicinity of the plant. Santa Barbara County is a neighboring county to San Luis Obispo County and, because of the nuclear power plant’s proximity, this matter is of significant interest to the residents of Santa Barbara County.

According to the 9 March 2010 correspondence from the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, in November 2008 a new earthquake fault was discovered offshore in the vicinity of the DCPP, and is now named the “Shoreline Fault”. Since its discovery no significant studies have been conducted on this fault to determine if there are any potential impacts to the nuclear power plant itself.

The Federal government, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has continually encouraged local government to identify hazards in their communities. The identification of a new earthquake fault in the area of a nuclear power plant is of concern to the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, its residents and should be for the NRC.
In a matter to only determine hazard and risk, and without prejudice towards nuclear power facilities, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors are supportive of San Luis Obispo County’s position that the proposed three dimensional geophysical mapping should occur to assess the risks of the newly discovered fault before the relicensing of DCPP.

Sincerely,

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Janet Wolf, Chair
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