The Honorable
Marcus Rowden, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Marc:

As you know, serious questions have been raised with regard to the manner in which the Diablo Canyon nuclear generating station, as designed, would withstand earthquake forces of a size that have a significant chance of being experienced within the station's lifetime. As a result of our concern about this matter, the Subcommittee is undertaking an inquiry into the manner in which the regulatory process has handled the seismic problem in this and other instances.

I would appreciate receiving answers by April 1 to the attached list of questions which have been brought to the Subcommittee's attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Morris K. Udall, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment

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