



Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

I understand that the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant was allowed a Once Through Cooling exemption by the California Water Resources Control Board when it was brought on line in the early 80s and continues to this day.

This exemption should not be renewed since our oceans are rapidly being depleted of their fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. As far as I know, this method of cooling is not allowed for other non-nuclear power plants and other industrial operations. While it may be expensive to install a cooling system that does not kill huge amounts of critical sea life, it will be more expensive too allow more valuable marine resources to be destroyed. Further, this exemption calls into question the commitment of your Board to protect the waters of the state.

It should also be recognized that the aging Diablo Canyon power plant is becoming more expensive to operate and is a much less critical part of the our state's electrical grid. Your Board should act in the long term interest of the citizens of California and stop allowing further destruction of our critical ocean habitat.

Thank you for opportunity to comment on this critical issue.

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