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Ms. Felicia Marcus, Board Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Chair Marcus:

I write to you regarding the decision the California State Water Resources Control Board will consider at its November 18, 2014 meeting on whether and how PG&E will be required to bring its Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant into compliance with California's *Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling*. California's hallmark policy phasing out once through cooling (OTC) systems is critical to protecting our coastal environment. I urge you to make sure that Diablo Canyon is brought fully in line with this policy by requiring that the power plant's OTC system is replaced with cooling towers.

The damage to the ocean environment that the present OTC system is inflicting is well documented, and as such it is not necessary to repeat that documentation here. What I will address, however, is PG&E's always complaint that it is too costly to build what is necessary. This has been one of PG&E's mainstay arguments, and it has proven even more costly to the corporation in the past when the damage they inflict surfaces, and they are brought to account. It seems reasonable to me to force them into spending some funds upfront, protecting the environment in the meantime, and insuring the future of our local fishing industry as well.

Thank you for your consideration.


Shirley Bianchi