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Dear NRC Representative:

On December 30, 2014 the notice No: IV-14-027 was emailed to a list of interested parties, entitled "NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Violation at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant."

The notice says that Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials from Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) on Jan. 14 to discuss the safety significance of an apparent violation related to the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant emergency preparedness plan. The plant is located near San Luis Obispo, Calif. The meeting will be held from 1-4 p.m. Central Time at the NRC's Region IV Offices at 1600 E. Lamar Blvd., in Arlington, Texas.

We strongly object to the scheduling of this meeting in Arlington Texas. PG&E is located in California with offices in San Francisco. The plant is located in California near San Luis Obispo. The service area of PG&E is the northern half of the state of California. Residents with standing for safety issues, according to your rules, live within 50 miles of the plant. However, many accident scenarios exist which are now understood to be possible, due to the proximity of earthquake faults, which can impact millions of residents and spread radiation as far south as San Diego.

Holding this meeting in Arlington Texas may be convenient for a few NRC officials. But it is not convenient for PG&E, their customers, nor residents impacted by any accident scenarios. Offering a phone bridge is inadequate for meeting participation.

Since this meeting deals with the 10-mile evacuation emergency plan, it is incomprehensible that it would be held in Arlington, Texas, and gives the impression that the workers at the NRC are afraid to visit the dangerous emergency zone of the plant.

- 1. Please reschedule this meeting in California, preferably within 1 hour driving distance from the plant. This will allow local residents to witness and participate in the meeting. Since the violation deals with the 10-mile emergency planning area, the meeting should occur within that area.
- 2. Please arrange to utilize state-of-the-art webcast technology, so that people can participate with visual as well as audio broadcast. A phone bridge is old-school and insufficient.

I called your number and left a voice-mail message regarding this issue. Please call or email me immediately to confirm your reception of this objection.

Citizens' Oversight has as its primary mission civic engagement and public participation. The location of this meeting does not facilitate public participation in the least, and thus this letter to your office.

We hope that the NRC will embrace transparency and participation by the public. These nuclear plants, and most particularly the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, put the public at risk. It is your responsibility to not only provide oversight of the safety concerns but also to facilitate public participation. Please change this meeting to embrace these noble goals.

Sincerely,

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