

**Re: DCP Steam Generator Replacement Project D.14 Visual Resources**

Throughout the twelve pages of this section's written text, the temporary nature of the visual impact on the environment is emphasized repeatedly, granting a slim total of eleven sentences to the only permanent change that will result to the DCP site—the OSG Storage Facility. This 10,000 square foot concrete storage facility is proposed to be built without windows or any other architectural amenities. In other words this is going to be one ugly building.

Concerning both the aesthetically challenged storage facility and how the overall visual impact on the environment will be affected by the replacement project, the analysis repeatedly begs the question. Here is one example from the text: "Despite the picturesque natural setting of the facility, the existing industrial character of the facility represents an already visually compromised condition, and therefore, the employees' level of viewer concern at the workplace is already considered to be low" (D.14-25). Here the report implies that because the plant has already compromised the site environment, further compromise is not an issue worth considering. The preceding quote also points to a significant omission regarding point of view. There is never, in section D.14 of the document, a reference to the potential **future** viewer who might well happen upon this coastal setting after the eventual decommission of the DC Nuclear Plant. The visual resources analysis is written as if future tomorrows do not exist.

Unfortunately, this omission of future impacts or consideration of future California residents, leaves huge holes in the integrity of the EIR. And I can't think of an area where this is more clear than in the relationship between steam generator replacement and the corresponding tons of nuclear waste that will continue to be manufactured and stored on this piece of beautiful and volatile coast. If we are so lucky as to escape an affecting earthquake, or a terrorist attack, a tsunami—all more real possibilities than ever, future generations will most likely not escape the ancient observation that containers eventually leak.

We have come here tonight, your constituents, perhaps against reasonable hope, that you will listen carefully to our concerns at this important juncture. I urge you to at least insist that PG&E draft a more honest and comprehensive EIR. And I hope, that in the final sum, you will spend your energy supporting PG&E's movement forward into a future both safer and more sustainable.

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Re: Public Hearing on draft EIR for Diablo Canyon Power Plant

The Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce is in complete support of the proposed replacement of the steam generators at Diablo Canyon Power Plant by P.G. & E.

The Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce feels strongly that we need to support P.G. & E. in their continuing commitment to keep D. C. P. P. current, safe and reliable.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Heather Jensen, President/C.E.O.