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Subject: UCLA Risk Study on Transportation

Dear Mr. Daniels:

The San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) appreciates the opportunity to review the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Transportation Risks Report. The State of California and Federal Highways Administration designate SLOCOG as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), respectively, for the region. While SLOCOG does not have permit or regulatory authority for land use proposals, SLOCOG is responsible for planning the long-term viability of the regional surface transportation system, and for programming funds to achieve the objectives of the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy. An action strategy of the RTP is to review and comment on all major proposals to transport hazardous/explosive/nuclear materials in and through the region.

This study looks at options for transporting the radioactive material from Diablo Nuclear Power Plant. The three options are by land to the North (North Ranch Road), by land to the south (Avila Beach), and by water barging the material north to Oregon or south to Long Beach and transported via train the next leg. Risk is calculated by projecting the number of expected fatalities, injuries, and accidents. SLOCOG supports the conclusion that within the scope of the study, barging the material provides the lowest risk to the region. As the study states, the combination of using barge transport for the first leg of the route and repurposing the breakwater lowers the fatality risks by more than 40% and the corresponding reduction in injury risk is approximately 32%. The overall accident/incident risk is reduced by more than 9%. Barging would help to preserve our regional roadways from pavement impacts that would occur from heavy trucks as well as reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that would be created by these trips. However, as recommended in the study, SLOCOG suggests the study be revisited after site characterization work has been completed and the radioactive payloads to be transported can be properly defined.

Thank you again for providing SLOCOG the opportunity to review and comment on this study. SLOCOG looks forward to continued coordination with PG&E, the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel, and the County of San Luis Obispo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sara Sanders at (805) 597-8052 or ssanders@slocog.org.

Sincerely,



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