ABALONE ALLIANCE
DECLARATION OF NUCLEAR RESISTANCE

We are committed to a permanent halt to the construction and operation of nuclear power plants in California. Nuclear power is dangerous to all life. We encourage the real alternatives of conservation and safe, clean, and renewable sources of energy.

To achieve these goals, we join together from throughout the state to form the Abalone Alliance to oppose nuclear power through nonviolent direct action and education.

Beginning with the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, our nonviolent action will be directed to all existing and planned nuclear plants in California. We will continue until nuclear power has been completely replaced by a sane and life-affirming energy policy.

We recognize that:

1. The much advertised need for nuclear energy is derived from faulty and inflated projections of consumption based on a profit system hostile to conservation. The United States has 6% of the world's population consuming over 30% of its energy resources. With a rational energy policy and appropriate changes in construction, conservation, and recycling procedures, the alleged "need" for nuclear energy disappears.

2. Nuclear plants are an economic catastrophe. They are unreliable and inefficient. Nuclear power is an extremely capital intensive technology. In contrast, conservation and solar-related energy technologies will create more jobs, both permanent and safe, than the atomic industry could ever provide.

3. The centralized nature of nuclear power takes control of energy away from local communities.

4. There is a direct relationship between nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons. The export of nuclear reactors makes possible the spread of nuclear bombs to nations all over the world. The theft of nuclear materials and the sabotage of nuclear facilities pose further threats to our lives and civil liberties.

5. The dangers of nuclear power are intolerable. They range from a continuous flow of low-level radiation which can cause cancer and genetic damage, to the creation of deadly radioactive wastes which must be completely isolated from the environment for 250,000 years, to the destruction of our rivers, lakes and oceans by radioactive and thermal pollution, to the possibility of a major meltdown catastrophe. No material gain, real or imagined, is worth the assault on life itself that nuclear power represents.