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Dear Friends:

We have reached a crisis point as a "civilization." Despite growing global resistance, nuclear power and weapons are threatening our world now more than ever! YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL IF WE ARE TO STOP THE HAUNTING SPECTRE OF NUCLEAR MADNESS!

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Diablo nuke loading OK'd

Fear of a heavy civilian toll

The NRC vote followed an unprecedented investigation by government investigators of a plant built less than three miles from an offshore earthquake fault. The original operating license for the plant was revoked in November 1981 after embarrassed PG&E officials acknowledged that the wrong blueprints had been used for constructing fuel containers.

Ensuing inspections discovered more than 300 major safety problems at the plant, opposed since its inception by environmentalists and area residents.

But NRC delays its approval for low-power tests

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WASHINGTON — The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission today told PG&E it could load fuel into its controversial Diablo Canyon plant, but refused to let it begin the necessary low-power testing that precedes full operation.

The 4-0 decision, with one commissioner abstaining, brought cheers from the utility and dismay from opponents, who promised prompt legal action to prevent the insertion of uranium rods into the first of two reactors.

"This has been a long process ... and naturally we are very pleased," PG&E Chairman Frederick Mielke said after the vote.

ON NOVEMBER 8TH THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION VOTED TO ALLOW FUEL LOADING AT DIABLO CANYON. Despite massive local and statewide opposition to Diablo, and the as yet unresolved safety issues about Diablo in particular, and nuclear power in general, PG&E is determined to get its return on its investment without regard for whom they harm.

On the weapons front, the deployment of hundreds of Cruise and PershingII missiles throughout Europe is scheduled to begin in December, while the testing and production of the MX missile continues here. These new first strike weapons systems are bringing the world to the edge of nuclear holocaust.

From Humboldt Bay to San Diego, Abalone Alliance member groups have been actively saying NO TO NUCLEAR EXTINCTION! You can join us by giving us your generous financial support. As our activity against nuclear weapons continues, we are preparing for a major non-violent campaign to stop Diablo Canyon. Your contribution will help keep the Abalone Alliance alive during these efforts. As the year comes to an end, it's a good time to make a tax-deductible contribution. The more you give to us, the less tax money the government has for its nuclear horrors show. It's time to renew your subscription to a nuclear free future!

In peace,

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