



Fall 2016 Newsletter



### **We are the guardians of the future.**

We are facing the prospect of losing much, if not all, of the progress which has been made to preserve our planet. It may be that America will abandon the United Nation's Paris Agreement on climate change, increase coal production, and dismantle the Environmental Protection Agency - basically deplete and destroy our natural world. Now, more than ever, we must remain vigilant and very active in our work as guardians of the future.

## **DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WILL BE**



### **The “Joint Proposal”**

On June 21, Mothers for Peace – and all of us – learned of the “Joint Proposal” to phase out PG&E’s Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant by 2025 and replace it with energy efficiency and renewable sources. This proposal was developed by PG&E, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245, Coalition of California Utility Employees, Friends of the Earth, Natural Resources Defense Council, Environment California, and Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility.

Although **heartened** that PG&E is no longer seeking relicensing, Mothers for Peace seeks to

## **SHUT IT DOWN SOONER!**

The nine year timeline for closure is much too long. The transition to renewable sources can and should take place sooner. Furthermore, the environmental risks of operation remain:

- seismic risk
- damage to the marine environment
- insecure storage of high level radioactive waste
- aging structures and components

Mothers for Peace remains concerned about the safety of operating the plant for an additional nine years – even more so now that the workforce is likely to become less stable.

### **So... what can we do?**

## **California Public Utilities Commission**

Mothers for Peace has entered the fray and become intervenors before the CPUC involving the details and implementation of the “Joint Proposal”. We have hired attorney Sabrina Venskus to advise and represent us in this case.

We plan to use expert witnesses to support our assertions that replacement energy can be brought online years sooner than proposed by PG&E, and thus the date of closure moved up accordingly. We also hope to hire a seismic expert to demonstrate that it is in the best interests of the rate-payers to shut down the plant as soon as possible.

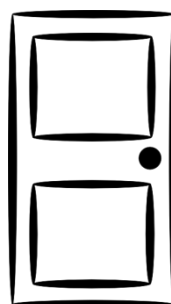
The expert witnesses and attorney fees will require a budget of well over \$100,000, and the extent of our participation will depend on the financial support we receive.

Mothers for Peace urges you to write or email the CPUC about PG&E’s plan to close its Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. Communicate your concerns and questions regarding the Joint Proposal, which can be read online at

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M166/K001/166001245.PDF>

Comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).

Please refer to proceeding number A.16-08-006 on any written or email correspondence about this case.



### **Clean out your closets!**

Do you have memorabilia from Mothers for Peace and want it preserved? Cal Poly Library and Mothers for Peace are working together to create a special collection that will house a complete historic record of Mothers for Peace. This archive will contain documents, videos, posters, and other materials that will chronicle Mothers for Peace from its inception. Look into those old boxes and files. If you find something you think might be a good addition to this collection, please contact Elaine at: [elaineholder@att.net](mailto:elaineholder@att.net).

# Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

## Is there radioactive material in our ocean?

After more than five years since the accident at Fukushima, questions remain about how much, how far, and how fast radioactive material is being dispersed into the ocean. Mothers for Peace continues to fund and work with Milt Carrigan and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to answer these questions. Milt arranges for periodic samples of ocean water off our local coastline at Pismo Beach. *Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution* analyzes these samples. Thus far, no radiation from Fukushima has been detected in our local waters. Get current results at:

<http://ourradioactiveocean.org/results.html>



## Radioactive Waste Summit

December 2 to 4, 2016, Chicago

Beyond Nuclear is hosting this Summit to bring people together from nuclear power reactor areas where highly radioactive waste is located now, communities being targeted for new nuclear waste sites, and those along transport routes in between. Mothers for Peace Board members Linda Seeley and Molly Johnson will be participating in this Summit.

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