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Dear Friends and Supporters,

San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace is on the forefront of two ground-breaking legal cases, the outcomes of which have the potential to affect not only the operation of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, but policy for all 104 nuclear facilities in the nation.

We couldn't have done it without you. The primary source of our income is from contributions by long-term supporters and community residents. Please consider making a generous donation to the Mothers for Peace at this critical time.

All donations are tax-deductible. There are four convenient ways to contribute:

1. By mail to our new address: P.O. Box 3608, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403
2. On line at <http://mothersforpeace.org>
3. Be a sustainer and make monthly donations using your credit card. Choose 'recurring donation' on line.
4. Provide us with your name, credit card number, security number, email address, amount of donation, and we can make the on line donation for you.

In 2002, Mothers for Peace first went to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding the potential environmental effects of a terrorist attack on the dry cask storage of radioactive waste. Oral arguments in the second challenge before the same court were heard on November 4, 2010. Attorney Diane Curran continues to represent the Mothers for Peace. If successful, the case will set a major new precedent for government accountability in the post-9/11 era.

In a separate proceeding earlier this year, Mothers for Peace filed to oppose Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) application for license renewal. Although the current operating licenses for the two reactors do not expire until 2024/2025, PG&E is requesting operation for an additional 20 years - until 2044/2045. PG&E is attempting to rush through the license renewal process without the benefits of seismic studies regarding the newly discovered Shoreline earthquake fault, scheduled for completion in 2013, and without determining the potential impacts of attack on the vulnerable spent fuel pools. Whether triggered by earthquake or terrorist attack, a radioactive release from Diablo Canyon could render much of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties – and beyond – uninhabitable for generations.

Four Contentions framed by Attorney Diane Curran are scheduled to be heard by a panel of judges within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by late 2011. We urgently need your donations to fund this challenge of the license renewal. It requires a budget of \$75,000 for expert witnesses, attorney fees, and travel expenses.

The BP Gulf Oil Spill is our cautionary tale. The Minerals Management Service gave BP exemptions to safety requirements. The NRC is likewise failing to hold PG&E responsible for protecting the environment and public safety.

With appreciation from the Board of Directors,
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