

San Luis Obispo



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Orientation

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Mission Statement



San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace is a non-profit organization concerned with the dangers posed by Diablo Canyon and other nuclear reactors, nuclear weapons, and radioactive waste.

Additionally, the organization works to promote peace, environmental and social justice, and renewable energy.

Our beginnings

SLO County women and men joined together in opposition to the Vietnam War, **1969**

- educated draftees about being conscientious objectors
- protested atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons
- organized peaceful marches and protests against the war



Focus turned to Diablo Canyon nuclear plant, 1973

- acquired intervenor status with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to oppose licensing
- took on the watchdog role, challenging the NRC and Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) on safety issues



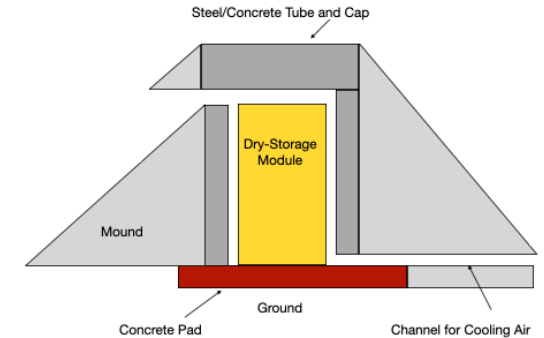
Current Major Goals

■ safer storage of Diablo Canyon's radioactive wastes

- more robust casks
- Hardened On Site Storage (HOSS)

■ stop Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS)

- do NOT transport radioactive wastes by truck, rail or barges to New Mexico and Texas
- do NOT ask economically depressed or minority communities to accept radioactive wastes from across the nation
- keep the wastes at their sites of origin until a permanent repository is established, as required by federal law



**“Electricity is but the fleeting byproduct from nuclear reactors.
The actual product is **forever deadly radioactive waste.**”**

— Michael Keegan

Current Major Goals, continued...

- **monitor operations** of Diablo Canyon nuclear plant for safety issues
- **work for earlier closure of Diablo Canyon**
 - PG&E commits to closing Unit 1 end of 2024; Unit 2 end of 2025
- **educate the public** about the dangers of nuclear weapons as well as nuclear energy
- **support renewable energy sources** as one way to address the climate crisis



Annual Projects that bring us joy!

- **award scholarships** to high school seniors and a university upper class student who share our goals



- **donate Jane Addams Peace Foundation children's books** to the San Luis Obispo County Library

Agencies we monitor

■ The Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC)

This three-person Committee is charged with reviewing and making recommendations concerning the safety of operations at Diablo Canyon nuclear plant. <https://www.dcisc.org/>

■ Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DCDEP)

This panel was convened by PG&E as a volunteer, non-regulatory, advisory body created to encourage open communication, public involvement, and education regarding the decommissioning plans and activities.

<https://diablocanyonpanel.org/>

■ Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

This “independent” agency was created by Congress in 1974 to ensure the safe use of radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while protecting people and the environment. nrc.gov

■ California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

The CPUC is charged with regulating services and utilities, protecting consumers, safeguarding the environment, and assuring Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>

■ San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors (BoS)

This legislative arm of the County government implements policies and the provisions of services that will enhance the economic, environmental and social quality of life in San Luis Obispo County. It is the lead agency in the decommissioning process of the Diablo Canyon plant. <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Board-of-Supervisors.aspx>

Allied organizations which share our goals

■ **Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility (A4NR)**

- A4NR works on economic issues through CA State agencies to achieve the early shut-down of the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

■ **National Radioactive Waste Coalition (NRWC)**

- Mothers for Peace is a founding member, along with over 35 organizations from across the U.S. Its objective is to increase the safety of high level radioactive waste storage.

■ **Some other organizations include:**

- Nuclear Information Resource Service (NIRS)
- Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)
- Beyond Nuclear
- Sierra Club
- Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
- Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
- Samuel Lawrence Foundation
- Friends of the Earth (FOE)
- ECOSLO
- SLO Climate Coalition
- CodePink
- Fairewinds
- Women's Energy Matters





Join us!

- **attend our virtual meetings**, currently Mondays at 10am every 3-4 weeks
- **receive our email action alerts** which invite you to write letters/ emails, attend public meetings, or sign a petition
- **contact Jill ZamEk** at jzamek@gmail.com to receive notices

How to find your role with MFP

- Attend meetings; listen and ask questions!
- Explore our website at mothersforpeace.org
- Become a voting member by attending a majority of meetings and supporting our goals.
- When a project is discussed or planned that interests you, volunteer to join the committee to implement the project.
- When you see a need that matches your skill-set and your availability of time, SPEAK UP!

Membership

- local, non-profit organization (501c3)
- all volunteer; no paid staff
- inclusive - all are welcome
- no membership fee



Radiation that may be released from Diablo doesn't stop at its gate; nature pays no attention to borders. The work you do now to stop nuclear power is a gift to future generations.