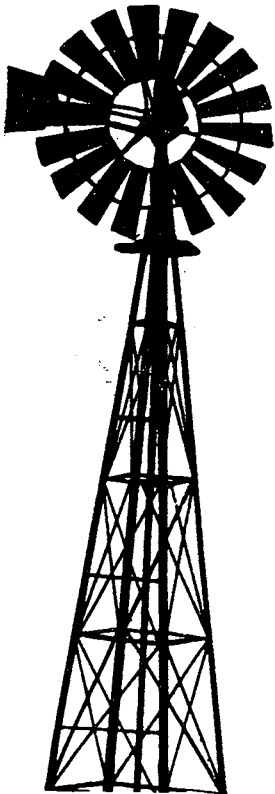


GOALS OF THE ACTION

1. The blockade is not symbolic but is intended to actually obstruct the operation of the plant, and will be sustained for as long as necessary.
2. Increase the public's awareness of the serious dangers and drawbacks inherent in nuclear power, and the specific danger of the Diablo Canyon plant.
3. Express the depth of commitment of many concerned people who say NO to nuclear power and YES to a sane energy path.
4. Assert the right and capability of everyday citizens to participate in the formation of our energy future in the face of the intransigence and irresponsibility of utility companies and the federal energy bureaucracy.
5. Assure that Diablo Canyon never operates as a nuclear reactor.



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 many 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 energy represents.



We therefore insist:

1. That not one more cent be spent on nuclear power reactors, except for efforts to dispose of those wastes already created and to decommission those plants now operating.
2. That American energy policy be focused on conservation and the development of solar, wind, tidal, biomass conversion, and other forms of clean and renewable energy in concert with the efficient recycling and fair distribution of energy.
3. That all people who lose jobs through the cancellation of nuclear construction or operation be retrained immediately for jobs in the natural energy field or in other areas.
4. That we end production, testing, stockpiling, and use of nuclear weapons.

We have full confidence that when the true dangers and expense of nuclear energy are made known to the American people, our nation will reject this tragic experiment which has already caused so much loss in economic and material resources, health, environmental quality, and the control over our own lives.

We pledge we will wage a nonviolent direct action campaign:

1. To stop construction and operation of all nuclear plants in California.
2. To promote the realistic alternatives of safe, clean, and renewable sources of energy.
3. To encourage responsible community control of energy production and use.
4. To support efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons.
5. To build a more loving and responsible world for ourselves, our children, and future generations of all living things on this planet.

In our work, we will maintain a discipline of active nonviolence and full respect for all persons we encounter. We will speak and act truthfully and openly, and we will honestly weigh concerns brought to us.

We pledge our solidarity with all other nonviolent efforts to stop nuclear power worldwide.

We appeal to all people to join us.

San Luis Obispo, California
February 26, 1978