

Dear friends,

After the disaster in Japan, it has become startlingly clear that the time has come to phase out California's nuclear reactors.

1. There is still no solution for long-term storage of radioactive spent fuel rods, though they are being produced in record numbers.
2. The emergency evacuation plans for California's reactors are inadequate. They must be reviewed, and costs/repercussions reexamined. Our own NRC recommended a much larger evacuation area in Japan than what is currently planned for in Diablo Canyon and San Onofre's highly populated areas.
3. Following incidents at Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and Fukushima, it is now clear that nuclear plants can be rendered unusable by seismic event or other natural disasters, accidents, or even acts of malice or terror.

The "unthinkable" *can* become a reality, and a tragedy on the our side of the Pacific Rim as well. No amount of energy generated from nuclear power is worth this risk. For these reasons I respectfully request the nuclear reactors be shut down on California's coast.

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