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Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel in Cooperation with PG&E Will Host a Public Meeting to Discuss Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel at Diablo Canyon Power Plant and at a National Level

San Luis Obispo, Calif. – The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel (Panel), in cooperation with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), will host an in-person and virtual meeting **Wednesday, December 13, from 6:00pm-9:00pm (PT)**. The meeting is being held to discuss storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF), the fuel used to create nuclear power, at Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) and how national policy affects local SNF storage.

Agenda topics will include an overview of how SNF is stored at DCPP; the historical context of SNF storage nationally; the Department of Energy’s (DOE) community-centered approach to find locations to store and dispose of SNF; local and national initiatives to encourage Congress to address the SNF storage problem; and community input on long-term storage of SNF.

“PG&E safely manages spent fuel using both wet and dry storage methods. While both approved storage methods are safe, secure, and inspected by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the federal government made a commitment to accept and store spent fuel and it is important to our customers and our communities that the government fulfills this commitment,” Maureen Zawalick, DCPP vice president, said.

“We look forward to hearing from the community on the topic of spent nuclear fuel storage, both locally and nationwide. There are many ideas as to how spent fuel should be stored in the both the short and long-term and community engagement is essential to forming solutions,” Panel Member Linda Seeley said.

How to Participate:

The in-person meeting will be held at the San Luis Obispo County Government Center at 1055 Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo. To register to attend the meeting online and to review the agenda, visit the Panel’s website at <https://diablocanyonpanel.org/>. The meeting will also be broadcast on SLOSPAN and local access Channel 21.

About the Panel:

The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel was created to foster open and frequent dialogue between members of the local community and PG&E on matters related to DCPP decommissioning. Panelists are local community members from across the Central Coast who were selected to broadly represent diverse community viewpoints. The Panel meets periodically on matters related to DCPP decommissioning and the future use of DCPP lands and facilities.

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