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April 8, 2019

The Honorable Ana Matosantos
Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Governor
State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814-2841

Dear Secretary Matosantos:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated February 26, 2019, requesting the NRC to confirm that it will continue to exercise its authority over Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (DCPP), to maintain the highest level of safety.

The NRC's inspection and oversight responsibilities for DCPP will not change based on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E, the licensee) plans to cease operations for Unit 1 in 2024 and Unit 2 in 2025. The NRC staff will continue to inspect and assess the licensee's performance to ensure that the facilities are safely operated and decommissioned, and that the licensee continues to meet safety and testing obligations, as required by NRC regulations.

Since PG&E's announcement in 2016 that it does not intend to pursue license renewal for DCPP and will permanently cease operations at the end of the 40-year licenses, the NRC staff has implemented an inspection focus to assess PG&E employee engagement, plant safety culture, and licensee maintenance and corrective action activities. To date, the NRC staff has not identified any adverse effects in these areas attributable to the expected permanent cessation of operations.

As requested, the NRC will notify your office of any issues that arise, or of any changes to the current safety protocols through communications between our Regional State Liaison Officer and your appointed liaison in the California Energy Commission.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Andrea Kock, Director, Division of Materials Safety, Security, State and Tribal Programs, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, at (301) 415-2368 or by e-mail at Andrea.Kock@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Svinicki", written over a horizontal line.

Kristine L. Svinicki