

## [EXT]Zawalick comments on the Diablo Decom EIR

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Relative to the activities proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report and, in general, the Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities and plans, I would like to make some comments:

1. The nature of the environment around the Pismo Beach Railyard (PBR) has changed dramatically over the years. Many residential homes have been constructed on all sides of this facility and it remains very near to the Judkins Middle School.
2. Using PBR for decommissioning activities is counter to the needs and wants of the local community and inconsistent with the residential nature of the area.
3. Traffic and access routes to the PBR are complex and crowded. Additional traffic is unwelcome, unsafe, and unwise.
4. We specifically ask that the PBR NOT be used or even considered as a contingency site for Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities.
5. Even if the PBR is only identified as a contingency, many site modifications (see draft ERI section 2.3.4.2) will be required and that alone will create a disturbance.
6. Hours of operation are discussed in 2.3.4 and 2.3.4.2. It looks like while PG&E has committed to a 7am to 5pm M-F construction schedule in PG&E, 2021c – PD-4, PG&E also committed in 2.3.4.2 to shipping non-radiological and nonhazardous waste (truck traffic) ONLY from 9:30am to 2pm on Monday, and from 9am to 2pm Tuesday through Friday, with an additional block from 11am to 12pm on minimum days, holidays excluded.
7. IF Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities are, for some reason, required to be performed at PBR, then we request the following changes and restrictions:
  - a. Lighting: Lighting at this facility has already been modified and expanded. During coastal fog events, the entire valley is brightly lit from the facility. This needs to stop. Lighting use should be restricted to no later than 9pm each night and not to resume prior to 6am. The Draft ERII did not mention this or discuss mitigation strategies. I'm identifying substantial EXISTING light and glare issue and requesting mitigation.
  - b. Noise: Pismo Beach General Noise Regulation 9.24.040 states: A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and in addition thereto, it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or negligently make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, or permit or allow to be made or continued any noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or which causes any discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitivity in the area. B. No permit shall be issued for any activity that may violate this section. All activities should be restricted to 9am to 5pm, M-F.
  - c. Equipment: Reconstruction of the rail facility, re-purposing of the buildings, and movement of the actual materials related to Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities will all result in noise, lighting, dust, and hazardous materials and emissions. All activities should be restricted to 9am to 5pm, M-F.
  - d. Dust: Reconstruction of the rail facility, re-purposing of the buildings, and movement of the actual materials related to Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities will all result in dust and hazardous materials and emissions. All activities should be restricted to 9am to 5pm, M-F.
  - e. Hazardous and Radioactive Materials: Since this is now essentially a residential neighborhood, materials related to Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities, including hazardous materials, should not be allowed.
  - f. Transportation: As noted earlier, transportation routes are extremely limited into or out of the PBR and traffic on Price Canyon road has increased over the years such that traffic jams are common. The

additional traffic related to Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities in this area is unwelcome, unsafe, and inconsistent with the needs and wants of residents and businesses in the area. All activities should be restricted to 9am to 5pm, M-F.

g. Both Fire Prevention and Firefighting equipment and plans should be in place as a fire in this area would spread uphill quickly and consume many structures.

h. Once the use of PBR for DCPD decommissioning is complete, the sound barriers proposed should be removed.

As shown in Table 4.13-14, the predicted noise levels are all below the Pismo Beach Noise Ordinance with the exception of Dell Court at 58.1 dBA L50. This represents a significant impact as it exceeds the City's noise limit. MM NOI-1 (*Noise Barrier at Pismo Beach Railyard*) is recommended, which includes installation of a temporary noise barrier at the PBR site to reduce the operational noise level to below the City's residential noise limit during use of the PBR site during decommissioning. The impact due to PBR operational noise would be less than significant with mitigation incorporated (Class II).

**Table 4.13-14. Calculated PBR Operational Noise Levels Compared to Pismo Beach Noise Ordinance**

Receptor Number and Name	Calculated Operational Noise Level (L50 dBA) <sup>4</sup>	Measured Daytime Ambient (L50 dBA)	Total Noise Levels (L50 dBA)	Pismo Beach Noise Ordinance (L50 dBA)
14. Vincente Court	53.0	49.4	54.5	55
15. Reef Court/Coral Court <sup>3</sup>	52.5	56.4	57.9	60 <sup>5</sup>
16. Pismo Beach Railyard (Dell Court)	57.4	49.4	58.1	55
17. Judkins Middle School	35.7	49.4 <sup>1</sup>	49.6	55
18. Price Canyon Road Residence	52.3	52.4 <sup>2</sup>	55.4	55

Source: Refer to calculations in EIR Appendix H.

<sup>1</sup> Ambient noise measurements were not conducted at this location due to inaccessibility. Ambient conditions estimated to be the same as Location 16.

<sup>2</sup> Ambient noise measurements were not conducted at this location due to inaccessibility. Ambient conditions conservatively estimated to be 3 dBA higher than at Location 16 due to closer proximity of this receptor to traffic noise sources on Price Canyon Road.

<sup>3</sup> The resident on Coral Court is closer to the construction noise source than the resident on Reef Court; assume same ambient noise level as Reef Court.

<sup>4</sup> L50 noise level is approximately 2 decibels lower than the Leq noise level.

<sup>5</sup> Per the City of Pismo Beach Noise Ordinance, if the measured ambient noise level is above the permissible limit the allowable noise expose is adjusted in 5 dBA increments as appropriate to reflect the ambient sound.

In summary, we are strongly against the use of the PBR for Diablo Canyon Power Plant decommissioning activities, even if those potential uses are listed as a contingency in the plan. Please remove PBR from the plan.

If PBR activities are necessary, then very restrictive requirements shall be placed upon operations, including zero storage or transport or handling of hazardous or radioactive materials, restrictions on hours of lighting use, and significant restrictions on the hours of operation.

Thank you,

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