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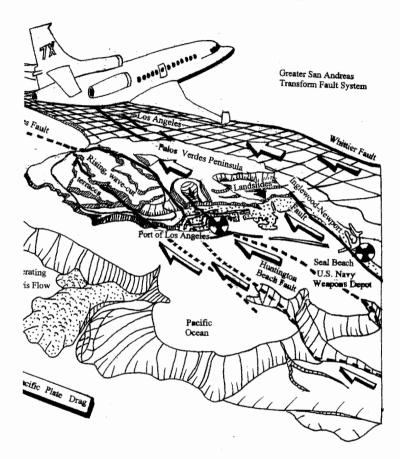
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At-Risk, Nuclear Facilities Posing Clear and Present Dangers on Tsunami-Prone Coastlines of the U.S.

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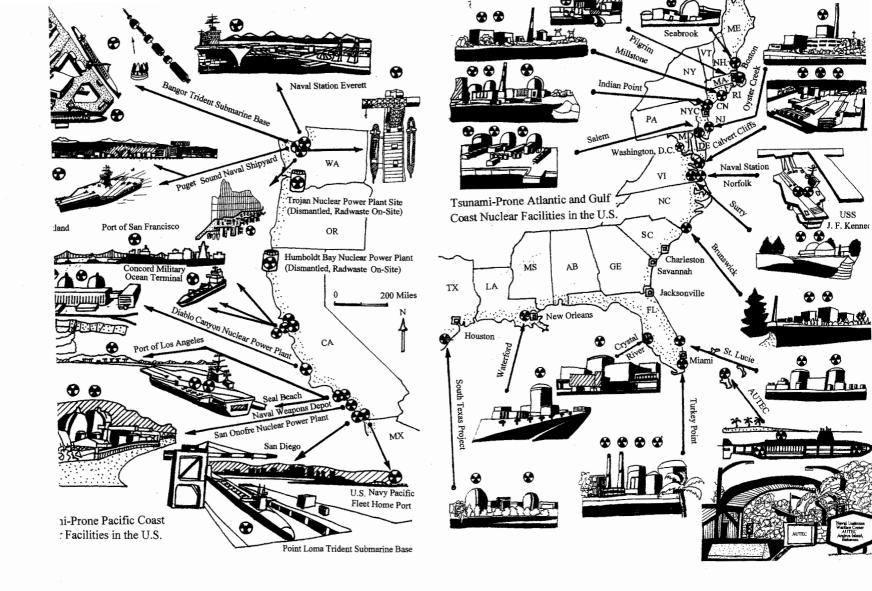


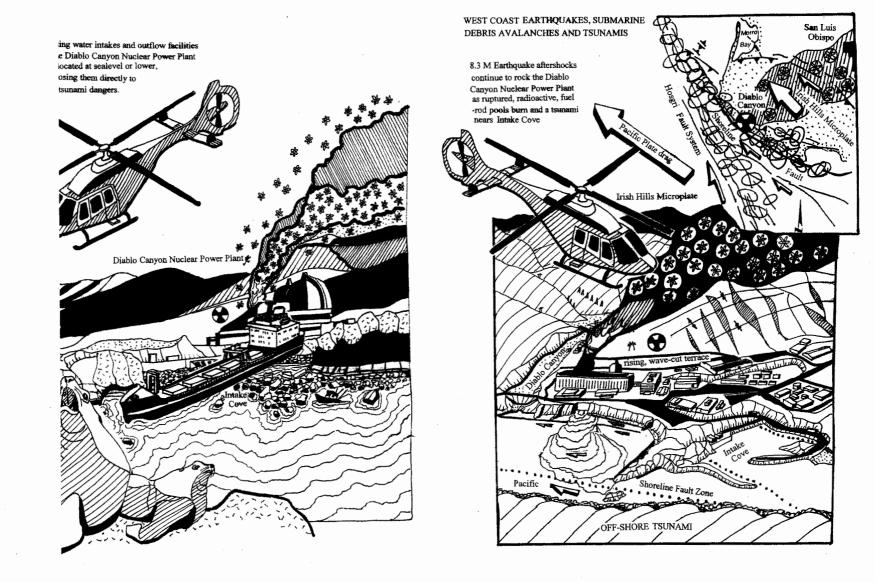


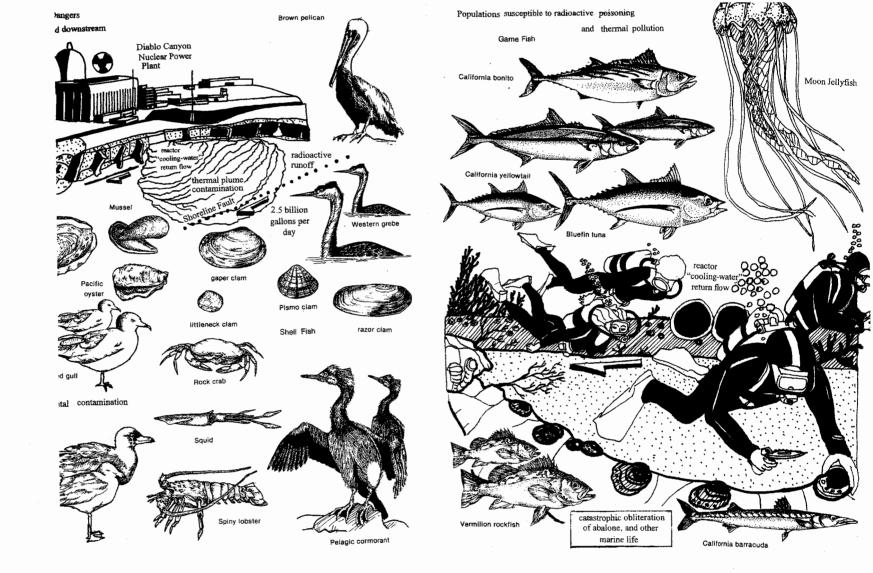
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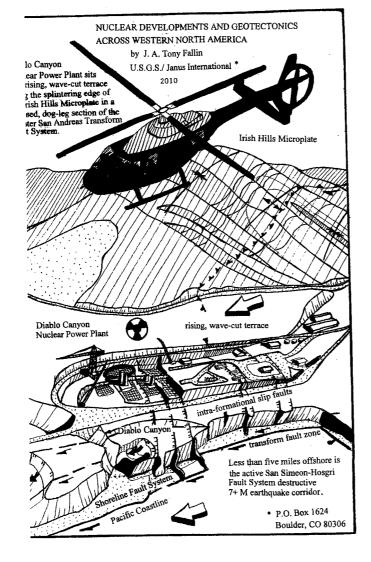
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YET ANOTHER GEOLOGICAL CONSULTANT TRIES TO TALK COMMON SENSE INTO THE MINDS OF PG&E'S DEATH-WISH SUITS AT THE UTILITY'S CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA







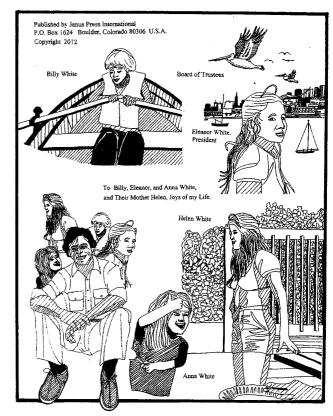


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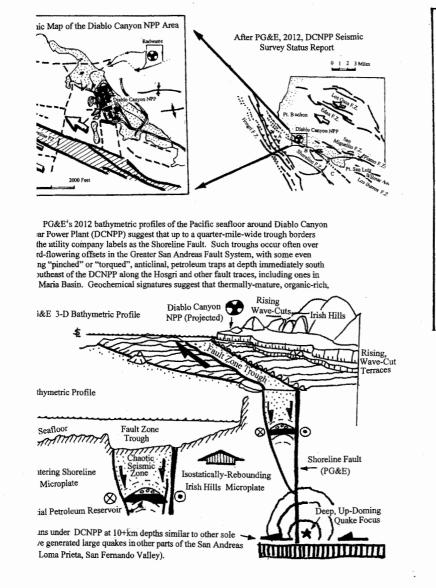
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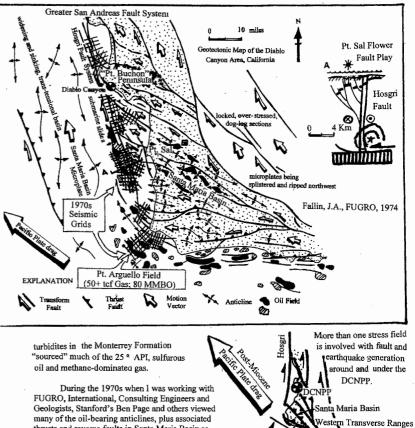
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thrusts and reverse faults in Santa Maria Basin as compressional structures. This led to the region being labeled as "TRANSPRESSIVE TERRAIN", especially when paleo-magnetic data revealed that a number of microplates in the Western Traverse Ranges were rotated clockwise during Mid- to Late Miocene time (~12 to 4 Ma), giving form ultimately to compressed, linear, mountain ranges across Santa Maria Basin, while also initiating transform motion

along an inchoate Hosgri Fault trace around 4 Ma.

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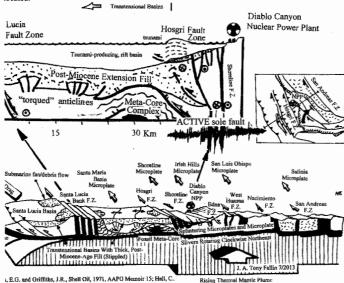
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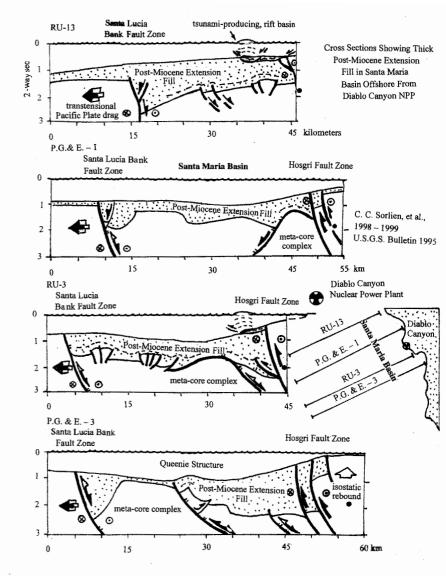
However, when I viewed proprietary seismic survey lines cutting across Santa iria and Santa Lucia Basins just west of the Hosgri Transform, there was more evidence a TRANSTENSIONAL than TRANSPRESSIONAL stress field still at work in Postocene time. More specifically, the basins appeared to be rifting apart between transm faults in response to northwestward, Pacific Plate drag, with thick, Post-Miocene fill ng torqued into long, sinuous anticlines over time by bounding, transform movements. long other things, this suggests to me that more than one stress field is involved with It and earthquake generation around and under the DCNPP.

For example, there is a compressive push from the south that is generating deep, e fault quakes beneath the Western Transverse Ranges (e.g., San Fernando Valley) and bably under rotated microplates in Santa Maria Basin, plus the "Pt. Buchon" Peninsula. en there is Pacific Plate drag to the northwest that is inducing transform motion along Hosgri and other, offshore, fault traces in the Greater San Andreas System to be nsidered. In addition, isostatic rebound over an upward-bulging, thermal, mantle plume y explain periodic, jolting uplifts of the Irish Hills Microplate upon which the DCNPP located.



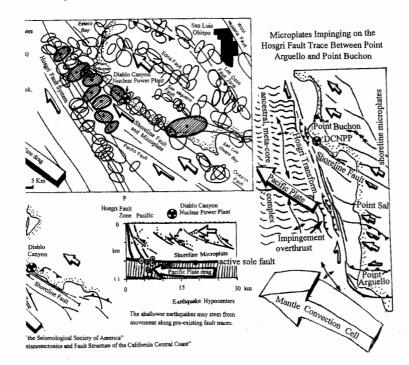
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NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONSTUCTION IS PRECLUDED WITHIN FIVE (5) MILES OF ANY ACTIVE FAULT Nuclear Regulatory Commission

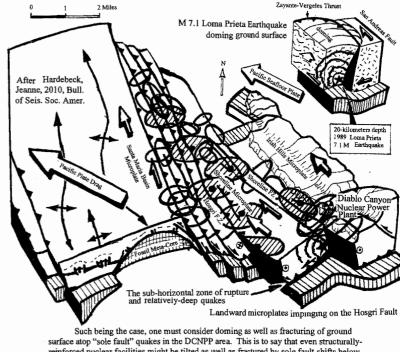


An upper mantle convection cell may also be driving shoreline microplates northstward between Point Arguello and Point Buchon, pushing some of the deeper-rooted, udmass, crustal blocks even faster than the massive, offshore, Pacific Plate. Most suredly, some of the landward microplates appear to be impinging on the Hosgri Fault stem, defining seaward-arcing, thrust belts off Purisma Point, Point Sal and Point uchon. On seismic profiles, the offshore, thrust belts override an ancestral, meta-core mplex buttress similar to one that we discovered offshore San Onofre Nuclear Power ant across the California borderlands in the 1970s. The meta-core complex formed ost likely when the West Coast of North America began over-riding the East Pacific se, with northwest, convectional stresses below the coastal microplates following.

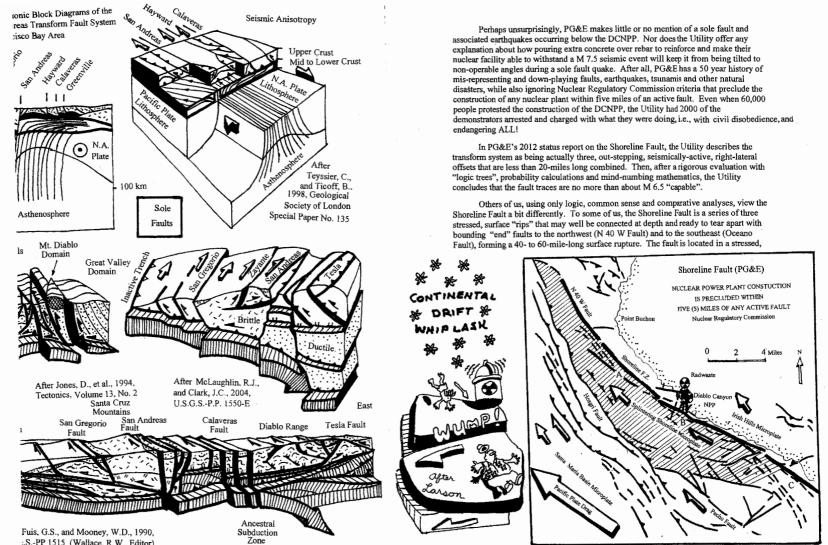
But more on the significance of sole faults running below DCNPP and many other rts of the Greater San Andreas Fault System, especially ACTIVE sole faults that nerate both small and large earthquakes as splintering microplates and microplate vers shift about in an evolving, transform setting. To some of us, the excellent 2010 ardebeck report "Seismotectonics and Fault Structure of the California Central coast" in



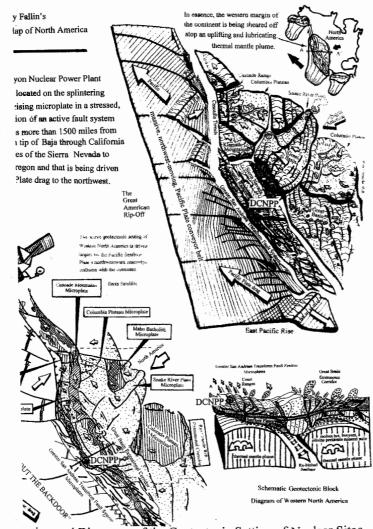
"Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America" suggests that an active sole fault runs below DCNPP between 10- and 12-kilometer depths. The sub-horizontal zone of rupture and intermittent, jolting, stress releases is defined by a series of relatively-deep, earthquake foci that occurred between 1988 and 2008 along the Shoreline Fault trace. Combined with a cluster of shallower, M 0.8 to M 3.5 seismic events, the deeper quakes accounted for an average of more than two tremors per year along the Shoreline Fault, while leaving open the possibility of even larger, more destructive earthquakes to come.



surface atop "sole fault" quakes in the DCNPP area. This is to say that even structurallyreinforced nuclear facilities might be tilted as well as fractured by sole fault shifts below them, cracking or partially draining used fuel rod cooling pools while also jamming reactors and initiating nuclear meltdowns. In 1989, the M 7.1 Loma Prieta Earthquake just south of the San Francisco Bay Area was generated at 20-kilometer depths over a sole fault, doming rather than fracturing ground surface, while also inducing numerous landslides and rippling Bay Area mud deposits like a bowl of Jello. Numerous, reinforced structures were tilted off their foundations as freeways overpasses collapsed like wet spachett in and as broken gas main fires raged beside broken water lines.

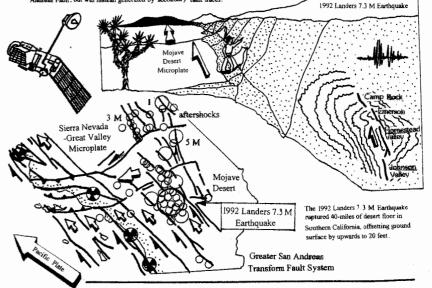


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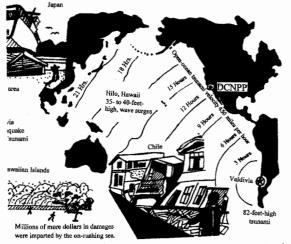
Notably, the '92 Landers Earthquake, like many other major earthquakes in California over the last 50 years, did not occur along the major San Andreas Fault, but was instead generated by secondary fault races.



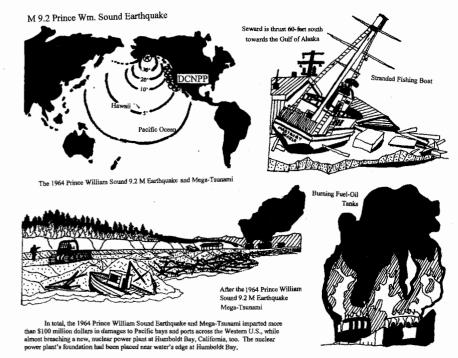
dog-leg section of the Greater San Andreas Transform System between splintering microplates (Irish Hills, Shoreline) that are undercut by a sub-horizontal, sole fault at 10to 13-kilometer depths and that are being propelled to the northwest by an upper mantle, thermal-convection cell. As such, the fault reminds us of four, end-to-end fault splays that merged into one, 40-miles-long, transform, right-lateral rupture with up to 20 feet of vertical offset in SOCAL's Mojave Desert during the M 7.3 Landers Earthquake in 1992. Of course, if the Shoreline and its bounding neighbors move in conjunction or concomitantly with the Hosgri Fault less than five-miles west of the DCNPP – and with the underlying sole fault at a little over six-miles depth below the plant, one can expect an even larger seismic event, perhaps even exceeding M 8.0 magnitude. After all, Mother Nature can really "kick" sometimes and as Shel Silverstein once told his children, "Anything can happen, anything can BE!"

With regards to tsunami dangers, PG&E states that the DCNPP is safe sitting top an 85-feet, wave-cut terrace. Unmentioned are the vulnerability of nuclear plant's reactor cooling-water intake and outflow facilities at and below sea level, including jetties that have already required costly repair after being pounded by seasonal storm waves around Intake Cove. Historical tsunamis recorded around Diablo Canyon include one in the early 1900s during a quake near the southeast end of the Shoreline Fault that sent a wave Irish Hills Microplate

n Luis Obispo Bay; one in 1960 following the M 9.5 Valdivia Earthquake in 1964 after the M 9.2 Prince Wm. Sound Earthquake in Alaska; one in 2010 rated by a M 8.8 temblor offshore Chile; and yet another 2011 following the u Earthquake that destroyed the Fukushima NPP in Japan. None of the s were over six-feet high around the DCNPP and damages were limited ts, piers and offshore navigation buoys.

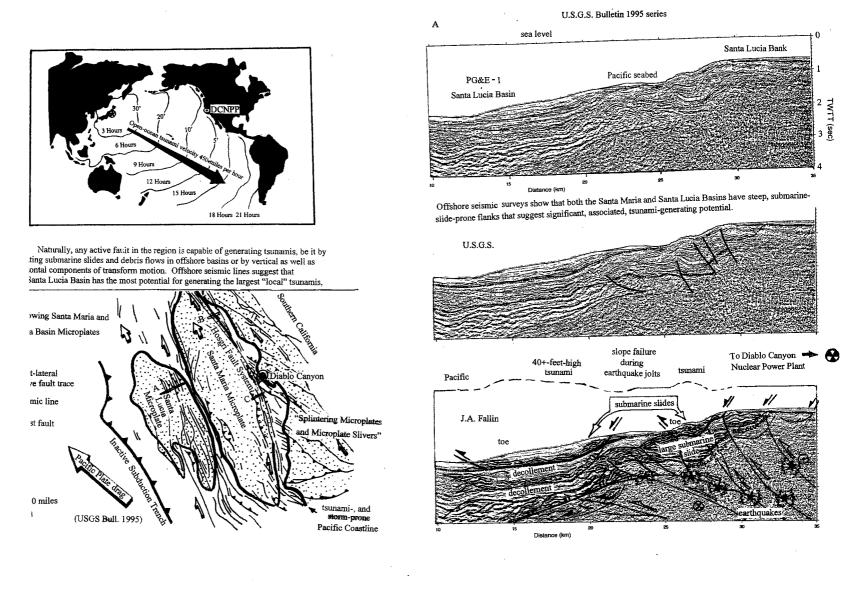


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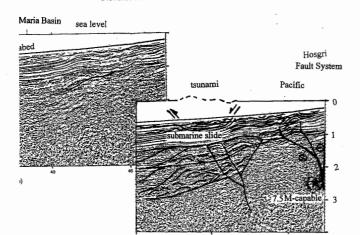


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2010 M 8.8 temblor offshore Chile

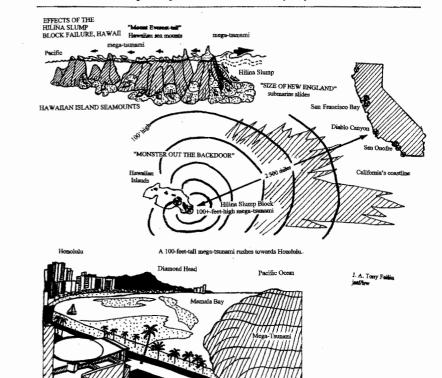


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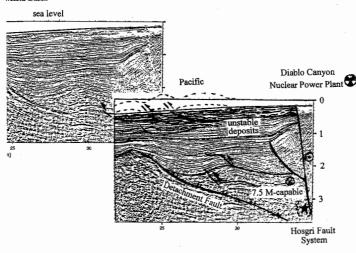


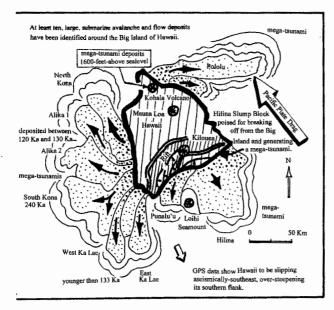
especially by large debris flows off Santa Lucia Bank. Smaller submarine slides in Santa Maria Basin are also documented on seismic lines along the Hosgri Fault System trace opposite Point Buchon.

More ominous are the mega-tsunami generation potential in the Hawai'ian Islands and along Cascadia Trench in the Pacific Northwest. Field surveys and computer models suggest that the Hilina Slump Block is dangerously close to breaking off the flank of the big island of Hawai'i, especially with an active volcano generating M 5 earthquakes at its base and the island's plate tectonic motion tilting the block seaward to the southeast. When the block does slump or break free, it has been calculated that it has the potential to generate a tsunami well over 100-feet high. Not only will such a surge destroy Honolulu completely at near-sealevel elevations, but it will also shoal catastrophically to 80- or even 100-feet heights along the West Coast of California by many estimates.

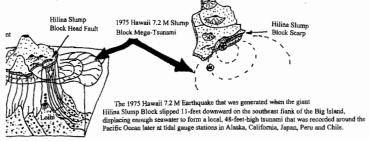


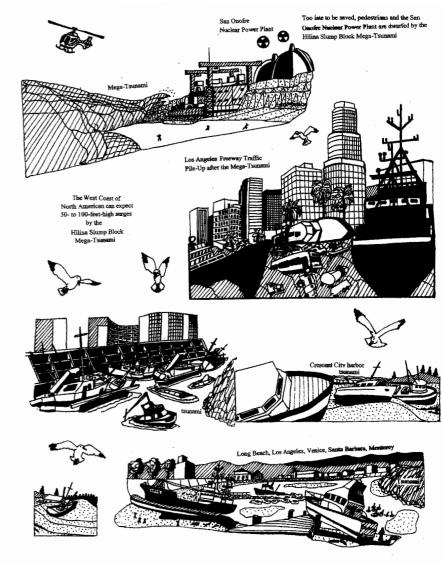
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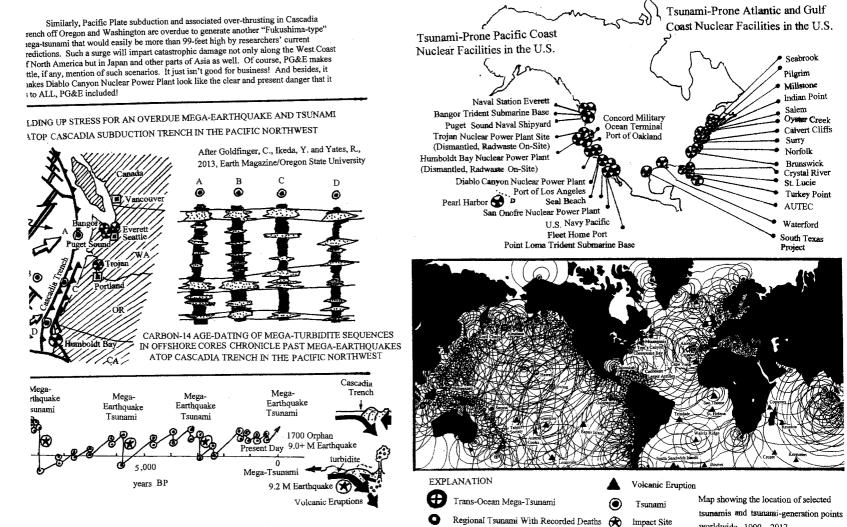




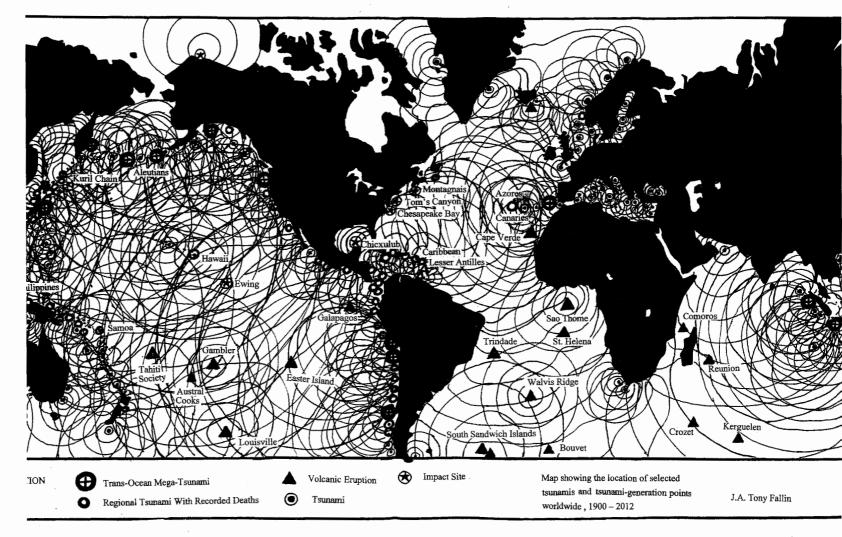
Computer simulations show that the 10,000-cubic-kilometers Hilina Slump Block will most likely generate at least a 100+-feet-high mega-tsunami if it does break off and side down the over-steepened flank of the Big Island, algonation genomous surges of seawater towards both North and South American coastlines. On the Islands themselves, it will be "Goodbye" to Honolulu within 30 minutes as the giant surges enter Mamala Bay and wash up to 16 miles inland via Pearl Harbor and other Oaku inlets, killing hundreds of thousands of people. Similarly, the West Coast of North American carexpect 50- to 100-feet-high surges by the mega-tsunami that will not only destroy ocean-front nuclear facilities like ones at Trident Submarine Base Point Loma, San Onofre and Diablo Canyon, but that will also swamp whole cittes, including San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Venice, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco Bay end points noth. It is not a pretty picture.







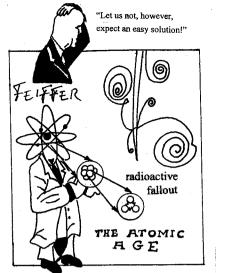
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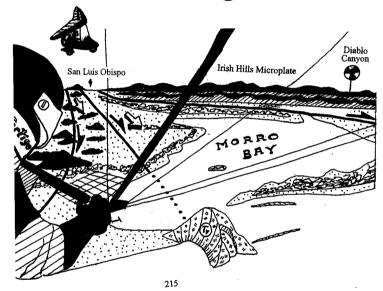


on Nuclear Power Plant Time Line

- Early 1960s

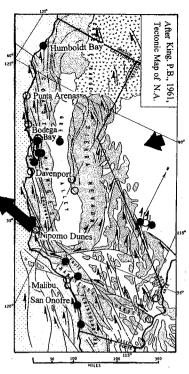
: Coast and other public utility companies c for places to build nuclear power plants eral Government relegates control of nuclear research and development of gy to private industry in 1954. With no uclear arms proliferation or of problems iwaste disposal, nuclear accidents, unwise g, and nuclear plant mismanagement, both itry and the Government promote atomic lean, cheap, and abundantly available".





In California, proto-type sodium-cooled reactors at Santa Susana Field Lab and a water-cooled reactor at Vallecitos Radiation Lab help generate some of the first "Atomic Age" electricity in the United States. P.G. & E.'s Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant siting and construction follows, with electric energy production beginning in 1963. However, the plant's unconfined reactor, plus associated radiation leaks, and its tenuous geologic setting over an active fault and earthquake corridor beside the tsunami-prone Pacific Coastline all lead to an early closure after it is cited as being one of America's "... dirtiest and most dangerous" nuclear facilities.

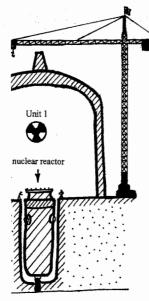
Still, P.G. & E. and other public utility companies continue to propose West Coast nuclear power plant sites, with almost all located in the Greater San Andreas Transform Fault System atop shallow, fresh-water aquifers along the tsunami-prone Pacific Coastline. The proposed sites include ones at Punta Arenas, Bodega Bay and Davenport near Monterey in Northern California. Further south are the San Onofre, Malibu, Nipomo Dunes and Diablo Canyon sites. The Diablo Canyon site is selected last with the Sierra Club's participation after the proposed Nipomo Dunes area becomes a State Parklands candidate.



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nes California guli 216 ruction begins on Diablo Canyon Unit No. 1, ra Club requesting that thermal pollution and structions be kept to a minimum in the scenic Plant cost estimate: \$320 million.

Oil Company geologists report the discovery e Hosgri Fault within five miles of the Diablo



esh-water aquifer

Outside consultant recommends a structural up-grade for the plant to withstand a 7.3 M earthquake. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) adopts a 6.75 M earthquake -rating standard just before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is formed to handle oversight duties. 1971

Pacific Ocean

Diablo Canyon

E.G. Hoskins and J.R. Griffiths profile the Hosgri

Fault in A.A.P.G. Memoir 15.

1972

1970

P.G. & E. acknowledges the Hosgri Fault.

1973

U.S.G.S. maps detail the geology of the Diablo

Canyon area as FUGRO geologist J.A. Fallin calls

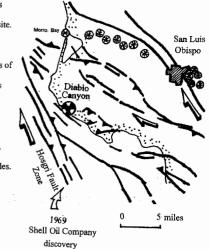
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attention to low-tide and seafloor bathymetry lineations defining possible fault traces next to the nuclear plant site. 1974

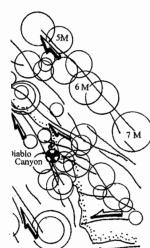
Outflow from Unit No. 1 reactor kills thousands of abalone during initial start-up tests, prompting protests by the Pacific fishing industry, Sierra Club and others. 1975 – 1976

U.S.G.S. labels the Hosgri Fault 7.0 M-capable, then 7.5 M-capable, as P.G. & E. initiates plant up-grades. New plant cost estimates exceed \$600 million. 1977 - 1978

Organized protests against the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant begin in earnest, with 500 out of 5000 protestors being arrested for civil disobedience. Stanford's Ben Page publishes geotectonic cross sections of the Diablo Canyon area in "Geology".







Greater San Andreas

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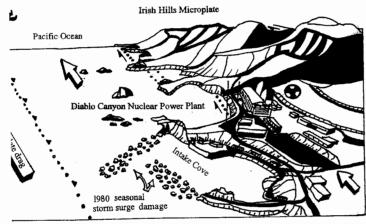
Transform Fault System

Three Mile Island reactor core meltdown accident stalls new nuclear power plant design and construction nationwide. California Govenor Brown joins protests against Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant that number 25,000 in San Francisco, and 40,000 in San Luis Obispo. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) claims the Diablo Canyon facility is "earthquake-proof", then withdraws its claim when the structure is shaken shortly afterward by a Hosgri temblor.

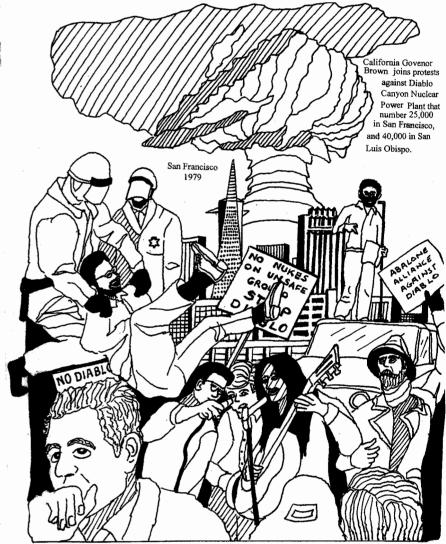
1980 - 1981

1979

Civil protests against the Diablo Canyon facility continue, before winter storm surges destroy most breakwater jetties surrounding Intake Cove. Estimated

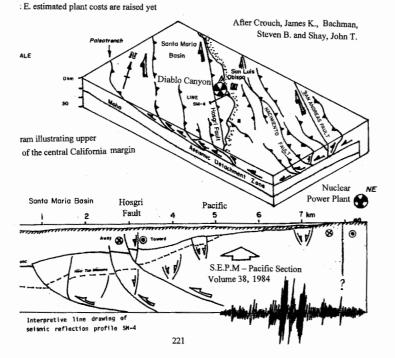


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to \$1 billion as the NRC accepts the I-capable rating of Hosgri Fault. Abalone thers stage a two-week-long blocade rotestors, leading to the largest mass fornia history.

: E. raises estimated plant costs sharply n as civil protests continue against it. again to \$5.3 billion as the Unit No. 1 reactor runs at only 2 percent. Thousands protest plant construction, nuclear dangers, and rising costs, with more than 500 being arrested for civil disobedience. James Crouch, et al., publish seismic reflection profiles and interpretations of the Hosgri Fault System in S.E.P.M – Pacific Section Volume 38, suggesting shallow-soled thrust faulting below the Diablo Canyon site, and associated earthquake corridor.



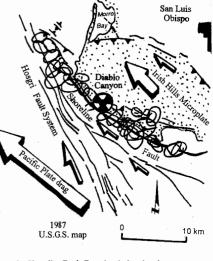
1985

The Diablo Canyon Unit No. 2 goes on-line as P.G. & E. requests a \$1 billion consumer rate hike.

1986

Chernobyl reactor core meltdown in Russia releases 100+ million Curies of radiation into a a cloud that circles the globe. 1987

Fire and hydraulic leaks shut down Unit No. 1 reactor, before excessive turbine steam shuts down Unit No. 2 reactor. Fifteen workers are irradiated as radiation also escapes outside the reactor



containment vessels. Seismic tremors are recorded along the Shoreline Fault Zone bordering the plant, allowing investigators to better determine its overall character.

1988

Unit No. 2 reactor is shut down by electrical failures as investigators report that evacuated water from the Rancho Seco Nuclear Power Plant in the San Joaquin Valley affects 90 percent of the East San Francisco Bay residents' drinking water supply.

1989

Unit No. 2 reactor is shut down for turbine problems, as the Rancho Seco plant is closed by public voters, who then elect to draw their electric power from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. 1990

Mechanical problems with Unit No. 1 reactor prompt a N.R.C. investigation.

1991

Technician error leads to a reactor shutdown. A Unit No. 2 reactor cooling-water pipe then

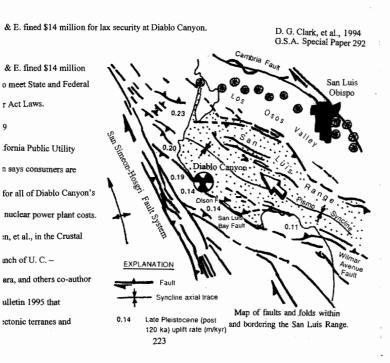
breaks, releasing several hundred gallons of radioactive water into the reactor's containment vessel.

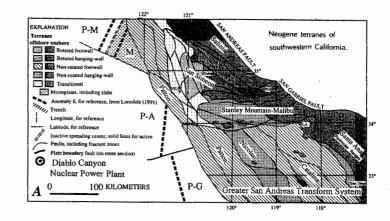
osgri Fault Zone 4+ M earthquake epicenter is recorded within 10 miles of Diablo Canyon.

: No. 1 reactor shut down due to an over-heating water pump.

clark, et al., profile active fault and seismic corridors around Diablo Canyon in G.S.A. er 292, delineating at least 10 periods of jolting, marine terrace uplift in the region, and tewly-mapped, near-shore thrust bounding the nuclear power plant.

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microplates, plus offshore seismic structures bounding Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

2000

P.G. & E. is found to have withheld data addressing the damaging effects of cooling-water inflow and outflow at Diblo Canyon over a 20-year period, including mention of the catastrophic obliteration of abalone and other marine life in Pacific waters fronting the nuclear power plant. 2001

Plans to store dry casks of high-level radwaste at Diablo Canyon are revealed to the public. Terrorist attacks at New York City's Trade Center Towers, and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. 2002

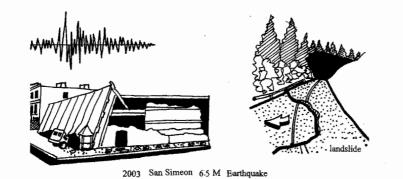
Diablo Canyon and numerous other nuclear facilities across the nation are found to be

exceedingly vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

2003

The 6.5 M San Simeon Earthquake jolts the Diablo Canyon plant strongly, with more than 1000 aftershocks also stressing the facility's structures. The quake's epicenter is approximately 35-miles

north of the plant, with at least one epicenter aftershock epicenter recorded essentially on-site.



late San Simeon Earthquake aftershock sets off alarms at Diablo Canyon as the Sierra Club

environmental groups protest high-level radwaste storage in the active seismic corridor.

preliminary environmental assessment of the Diablo Canyon plant by J. A. Fallin, U.S.G.S. – rnational, shows the facility to be located on the tectonically-active Irish Hills Microplate in r San Andreas Transform Fault System, with Pacific Plate drag pulling the microplate slowly d. Operational releases of radiation from the nuclear facility since start-up are estimated to be half million Curies, half of which are considered to be bioactive. Annual radiation releases lear facility are estimated to peak at 26,000 Curies, with 13,000 Curies being bioactive. The m operating fully, circulates approximately 2.5 billion gallons of seawater daily, inducing J thermal pollution via outflow into the Pacific.

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te N.R.C. continues a systematic review of dry cask, high-level radwaste storage at Diablo 3 the power plant is shut down for re-fueling. U.S.G.S. Geologist Tom Brocher reports on the Fault bounding the Diablo Canyon site.

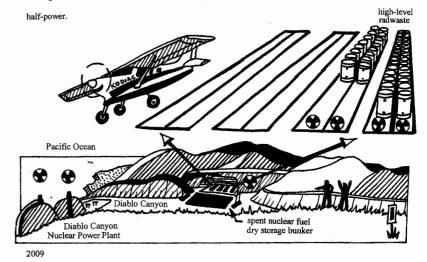
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2008

The N.R.C. certifies a proposed, high-level, dry cask radwaste storage site in Diablo Canyon

upstream from the nuclear power plant. Thousands of basketball-size Moon Jellyfish clog

cooling-water intake filters at the facility, shutting down one reactor, and reducing the other reactor to



The Nuclear Operations Chief at Diablo Canyon quantifies the nuclear plant's annual radiation releases for Nuke Speak. Unit No.1 and Unit No.2 reactors are both shut down to replace steam generators at a cost of \$700 million. California Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee lobbies for highdefinition, 3-D seismic surveys of the Shoreline Fault at Diablo Canyon. 2010

U.S.G.S. Geologist Jeanne Hardebeck, Menlo Park, California, reports on the Shoreline Fault in the June 2010 "Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America" article entitled "Seismotectonics and Fault Structure of the California Central Coast". P.G. & E. downplays the Shoreline Fault's dangers, but commits \$17 million to a seismic study of the structure.

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THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FLLISON!

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This packet addresses a Post-Fukushima report by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) on the tectonically-active, Shoreline Fault Zone that is located beside the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP) in Southern California. The report is currently under review by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel in Rockville, Maryland, and is believed to have over-looked important aspects of the nuclear facility's geotectonic and physiographic setting *vis a vis* the earthquake-generation potential of a major sole fault that runs under the plant at 10 km depth and the catastrophic dangers of mega-tsunamis hitting the West Coast after being generated by the Hilina Slump Block's failure in Hawai'i or overthrusting in the Pacific Northwest's Cascadia Trench. The information included in this packet is not intended to be the final word on anything but is simply a warning that other things may yet need to be considered about DCNPP's geotectonic and physiographic setting.