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cc: Richard A. Meserve, NRC Chair

I am writing to ask you to reconsider this decision; I wouldn't think it wise to do a blanket anything.... and this, if effected, may turn out to be more foolhardy than most... nuclear energy is, from source to byproduct, deadly. Any mistakes made are magnified exponentially and can be infinitely long-lasting. I see your proposal as a blanket "OK" to continue to run (with little actual oversight) a set of machines which, by reason of manufacture and design, are inherently different and have been operating for various terms, in differing environments and which were subject to a variety of service and maintenance procedures ... anything could be or go wrong with them in the next 20 years! I put myself in the forefront of those who say the nuclear genie should never have been let out of its' bottle; failing the initial use of common sense the best thing now would be to realize the folly of this experiment, and shut all of the reactors down as, one by one, they reach the end of their first term..... I have heard it said that it would be especially profitable to renew the licenses now because all expenses have been taken and they are now (finally!?) running at a profit and consumers would benefit. I can't think how and would argue that financial considerations should be the last and least of all arguments in favor of re-licensing. Please, just once forget the bottom line and the politicians and the CEO's who have lined your back pockets all these years.... think of us, the people who will ultimately pay the real price of your expediencies with our lives and the lives of our children.

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