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#### Regulators won't shut Davis-Besse

Federal regulators have rejected a watchdog group's request to shut down Ohio's Davis-Besse nuclear plant immediately. The Union of Concerned Scientists asked this week that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission order the plant closed, as well as 68 similar U.S. plants, because of a new analysis about a rust hole in the reactor's lid that almost caused a nuclear accident in 2002. An engineering report commissioned for an insurance claim by Davis-Besse owner FirstEnergy Corp. contends the hole formed in a few months, not four years as previously thought. FirstEnergy replaced the lid, and the agency said the reactor poses no immediate threat. The NRC has not ruled whether the other reactors should continue running, nor addressed a request: That it revoke FirstEnergy's license to run the plant if it finds the new report false.

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