

AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

THINK OF YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS YOUR COUNTRYMEN, YOUR SACRED HONOR!

We cannot afford to take any unnecessary risks when building nuclear reactors. Because disaster can occur at any nuclear reactor, the NRC needs to ensure that it has taken all possible precautions before moving forward with the new Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design considered for construction in Georgia, South Carolina and other states.

Especially considering the ongoing crisis in Japan and the review which will take place when the situation is brought under control, the current 75-day public comment period on the reactor design is insufficient for the new AP1000 reactor. I request that the NRC put the license application on hold until a thorough review of the Japanese accident has been conducted and weaknesses in the AP1000 design have been reviewed in light of the accident. To stick with the grossly inadequate 75-day rulemaking comment period would be the height of irresponsibility by the NRC.

Please accept the petition filed by the twelve environmental organizations of the AP1000 Oversight Group to suspend rulemaking. To ensure transparency, please include this comment and all others in the formal review proceedings and post them in the NRC's online library so the public can see any expressed concerns.

Addressing safety concerns, not satisfying the industry, should be the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's primary concern. NRC engineer John S. Ma's non-concurrence with the review of the reactor raised the possibility that the AP1000's shield building could shatter "like a glass cup." It would be indefensible for the NRC to move forward without further addressing that weakness. Also, Westinghouse has not satisfactorily proved that the thin steel containment shell over the reactor would be effective during severe accidents or that the reactor could be properly cooled in conditions similar to those at Fukushima.

I HAVE WORKED IN THE OIL INDUSTRY AND I KNOW THE MANAGEMENT IS SUBJECTIVELY MOTIVATED TO SHORT TERM PROFIT NOT EVEN COMMON SENSE LONG TERM GOOD.

I HAVE STUDIED THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY FROM MANY SOURCES AND KNOW THAT THEIR SAFETY IS NOT UP TO LONG TERM COMMON GOOD STANDARDS. MOST OF THE 140 U.S. NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS ARE NEARING OR OVER THEIR 40 YEAR DESIGN AGE AND EVEN WITH UPGRADES ANY HALF WAY PRUDENT PERSON WOULD DECIDE ON THE SIDE OF SAFETY OVER SHORT TERM PROFIT ESPECIALLY WITH THE POTENTIAL OF NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION OF POPULATED AREAS.

PRODUCTION IS IN THE SYSTEM. WE HAVE A MANAGEMENT PROBLEM THAT CAN MOST EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY IMPROVED BY CHANGING TO ONE TERM LIMITS FOR ALL OF OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. EVEN THE POWERS THAT BE WILL BE BETTER OFF BECAUSE FREE PEOPLE PRODUCE MORE, KEEP MORE AND SHARE MORE.

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