

## AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

I do not trust nuclear power. Not just because of Japan, and not just because of Chernobyl, but also because as a 30 year resident of Austin, TX, I became financially responsible for the Halliburton nuclear financial disaster in Houston.

And our entire nation's regulatory responsibility has, over the last 30 years, been largely turned over to the industries that we should be regulating.

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 that is being considered for construction in Georgia, South Carolina and other states.

The current NRC 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 rule-making comment period would be the height of irresponsibility by the NRC. Too much is at stake.

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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.

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