

## AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

Fukushima has made it clear that we must not take any unnecessary risks when building nuclear reactors. The NRC must ensure that it has taken all possible precautions before moving forward with the new Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design in Georgia, South Carolina and other states.

Safety issues must 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." The NRC must NOT move forward with that weakness. Westinghouse has not adequately proven 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 such as those at Fukushima.

The current 75 day public comment period on the reactor design is an absurdly short timeframe for the AP1000 reactor. This license application must be put on hold by the NRC until a thorough review of the Japanese accident has been completed and weaknesses in the AP1000 design have been reviewed, relevant to the accident.

Please accept the petition filed by the twelve environmental organizations of the AP1000 Oversight Group to suspend rulemaking. Transparency requires that this comment and all others in the formal review proceedings be included and posted in the NRC's online library so the public can learn of any expressed concerns.

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