

AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

First, there is not on this earth a more expensive way to boil a cup of water than by nuclear power. Second, it has long been clear that we cannot afford to take the risks of building more nuclear reactors. Because disaster may occur at any nuclear reactor at any time, the NRC needs to stop moving forward with the new Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design being considered for construction in Georgia, South Carolina and other states.

Addressing public costs and safety concerns - not satisfying the industry - should be the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's primary task. 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 considering that weakness. Also, Westinghouse has failed to demonstrate that the thin steel containment shell over the reactor would be work or that the reactor could be properly cooled in an emergency.

Especially in light of recent nuclear disasters in Japan, to stick with the grossly inadequate 75-day rulemaking comment period would be the height of irresponsibility by the NRC.

Also, 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.

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