

## AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

It is critical that we not take any unnecessary risks when building nuclear reactors. Disaster can occur at any nuclear reactor, and as we have seen, nuclear disaster is far-reaching in both miles and years. The NRC needs to act with a very sober sense of responsibility, and take absolutely all possible precautions while considering the license application for the new Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design proposed for construction in Georgia, South Carolina and other states.

Especially with the ongoing crisis in Japan and the review which will take place when that situation is brought under control, the current 75-day public comment period on the new AP1000 reactor design is appallingly inadequate.

I request that the NRC put the license application on hold until a completely thorough review of the Japanese accident has been conducted. The weaknesses in the AP1000 design must be reviewed in light of everything we learn from that accident. Extend the comment period so that there is plenty of time for this thorough and absolutely responsible consideration.

Please accept the petition filed by the twelve environmental organizations of the AP1000 Oversight Group to suspend rulemaking. 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 all the expressed concerns. Transparency on this issue is vital - disasters affect all of us.

Addressing safety concerns is the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's primary concern-not satisfying the industry. NRC engineer John S. Ma's non-concurrence with the initial 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 ignore 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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