

AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

In light of the ongoing nuclear crisis in Japan, you and your agency should carefully consider overall safety of any commercial reactor design. It seems unlikely that a thorough review can take place on a fast-tracked schedule, and your agency will be held accountable if this abbreviation of oversight contributes to a future nuclear accident.

Whether or not the design of the Fukushima reactors is a contributing factor, the severity of the current crisis gives an idea of the devastation that can be expected in connection with a major nuclear accident. Dozens of workers have essentially sacrificed themselves in an effort to bring core temperatures in the crippled facility under control. And tens of thousands of people have been displaced from the 20km surrounding the plant. These consequences can hardly be taken lightly.

For corporations, the profit motive is always foremost. Not a dollar more than is necessary will be spent on robust containment and other safety and backup systems. It is for your agency to specify what is necessary. You are the first and last bastion between corporate greed and the people who will pay the consequences.

I urge you to carry out your duty with the greatest dedication to the People of this great country.

Sincerely,
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