

AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

We cannot afford to take any unnecessary risks when building nuclear reactors, because a disaster can occur at any nuclear reactor and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must ensure that it has taken all possible precautions before moving forward with the new Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design pending construction in the South.

Considering the ongoing crisis at Fukushima and the review which will take place when the situation is brought under control the current 75-day public comment period on the reactor design is insufficient for the newly-designed AP1000 so I request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission put the license application on hold until a thorough review of the Fukushima accident has been conducted and weaknesses in the AP1000 design have been thusly reviewed for what may have contributed to the accident itself. The grossly inadequate 75-day rulemaking comment period must now be considered the height of irresponsibility by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I urge you to 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 and post them on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's online library so that all American citizens can see all issues expressed by their fellow members of the public .

Addressing safety concerns and not satisfying the industry, should be the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's primary concern especially when Nuclear Regulatory Commission 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 Nuclear Regulatory Commission to move forward without further addressing such weaknesses. Also Westinghouse has not satisfactorily proved that the thin steel containment shell 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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