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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

We cannot afford unnecessary risks when building nuclear reactors: Speed Kills. Disaster can occur at any nuclear reactor; the NRC needs to take all possible precautions before moving forward with the new, as yet untested, Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design considered for construction in Georgia, South Carolina and other states. No doubt citizens there would consent to being Guinea Pigs, but no one actually has asked them.

The current 75-day public comment period on the reactor design is insufficient for the new AP1000 reactor. Expedite less responsively to the Industry and more responsibly for the populace, please. I request that the NRC delay approval of the license application until a comprehensive international review of the Japanese accident has been conducted; weaknesses in the AP1000 design must be evaluated in light of the accident. The pathetically short 75-day public comment period represents serious irresponsibility on the part of the NRC.

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.

Addressing safety concerns, not satisfying the industry, should 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." It would be indefensible for the NRC to move forward without further addressing 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.

I recall the abandonment of local medical facilities by professional medical personnel during the Three Mile Island near-incident -- they chose not to stick around and help any casualties. Their Oaths in fact turned out to be hypocritical rather than Hippocratic. Perhaps our society truly cannot afford nuclear power.

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