

AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

In the wake of the crisis at Fukushima, it has become clear that there are severe risks associated with nuclear plants and particularly with Westinghouse and GE designs. In light of this and many other risks, including human error in operation, it is important that the NRC take all possible precautions before moving forward with the new Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design, proposed for sites in Georgia, South Carolina and other states.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission engineer John S. Ma commented that, under severe conditions, the AP1000's shield building could shatter "like a glass cup." Among others, there are questions about the thin steel containment shell over the reactor and concerning the manner in which the reactor would cool, under conditions similar to those that occurred at Fukushima. These and any similar weaknesses must absolutely be addressed to ensure safety, before construction of any of these plants proceeds. If strong precautions are not taken, the situation at Fukushima could well be replicated in the United States. This is completely unacceptable.

In light of these and many other considerations, I urge that the standard 75-day public comment period on the reactor design for the new AP1000 reactor be extended. I also urge that the NRC put the license application on hold until a thorough review of the Japanese accident has been completed. Also, please accept the petition filed by the twelve environmental organizations of the AP1000 Oversight Group to suspend rulemaking.

The lives of many Americans depend on careful oversight of this situation.

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