

## AP1000DCDCEm Resource

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Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,

Even before the crisis at Fukushima, it was clear that we cannot afford to take any unnecessary risks when building nuclear reactors. Because disaster can occur at any nuclear reactor, the NRC needs to ensure that it has taken all possible precautions before moving forward with the new Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design considered for construction in Georgia, South Carolina, and elsewhere.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission must focus on addressing safety concerns, not on satisfying the nuclear power industry. 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." For the NRC to move forward without further addressing that weakness would be inexcusable. 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.

Considering the ongoing crisis in Japan and the review which will take place when the situation is finally brought under control, the current 75-day public comment period on the reactor design is vastly insufficient for the new AP1000 reactor. My family and I request that the NRC put the said license application on hold until a thorough review of the Japanese accident has been conducted and weaknesses in the AP1000 design have been reviewed in light of that accident. To stick with the grossly inadequate 75-day rulemaking comment period would be the height of irresponsibility on the part of the NRC.

In addition, we ask that you 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.

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