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I encourage the NRC to institute a three-tiered Emergency Planning Zone: the current 10-mile zone would expand to 25 miles, with all current requirements intact. A new zone from 25-50 miles would be established; utilities would be required to notify residents of these zones of evacuation routes if needed, but would not conduct biannual exercises. The Ingestion Pathway Zone, designed for interdiction of contaminated food, milk, and water, would be expanded from the current 50 miles to 100 miles. And a new rule would be established that would require emergency exercises to include scenarios of initiating or concurrent regionally-appropriate natural disasters.

I also feel there should be a ban on nuclear facilities in densely populated urban areas. I live on Long Island, east of New York City. This is an area it is NOT possible to evacuate. I firmly believe that no nuclear facility should be allowed within 50 miles of New York City, since the area cannot be reliably evacuated.

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