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Subject: Please expand the evacuation zones around nuclear power plants.

I live within 30 miles of the San Onofre (SONGS) plant and I worry constantly. Thus, I most certainly support the expansion of zones as outlined by Nuclear Resource Information Service (NIRS): Expand the 10 mile zone to 25 miles, and create a 25-50 mile zone also expanding the IPZ to 100 miles from 50. As a kid, I surfed at the knees of this plant but when I was old enough to know better, I stopped. I don't trust SCE and I wan STRONG federal regulation.

First, there is NO way the county of Orange maintains an Iodine stock capable of giving it to those exposed. To whit, if something terrible goes wrong with the Fukijima fuel pools, we on the west coast could be doomed as well. The transportation infrastructure in Orange County is a mess and has been for a long time. Were something to go wrong during the AM or PM rush hours, there is NO WAY to evacuate people from the current 10 mile zone in a meaningful time frame. Where I live, in the foothill canyons, there is NO public transit AND we are generally seen as the ugly stepchildren receiving less services than city areas that are incorporated.

When the plants were built, the population was much lower most land development was approved by the county board of supervisors by the late 1980s long after the plants were complete. Therefore, this increased population could NEVER have been taken into account during the original project review.

Second, and frankly, the evac zone is not only too small (and should be expanded), it will truly be a task to evacuate even the existing zone. With the exception of residents closest to the plant, most of Orange County has NO IDEA what they could be facing. None. The low level of education of Orange County's citizens about the problem is inexcusable.

As we now know from Fukijima, not only is nuclear power NOT too cheap to meter, it is an economic and environmental problem. The US industry must be brought up to a safe standard or abandoned entirely. My life is simply worth more to me than SCE and SDG&E's profits.

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