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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the NRC and staff;

I am writing to express my concern that the current 10 mile evacuation zones around US nuclear reactor sites are not adequate in protecting the public health and safety, and that this is supported by the widespread contamination around the Chernobyl and Fukushima accidents for mile beyond 10 miles.

Protective standards should always be adapted as we learn more, and this is an excellent example of the need to update public preparedness planning to reflect real world events.

I urge you to take prompt action to update our country's emergency planning standards around nuclear reactors, many of which are near or past the original physical life of the structures.

A 10 mile radius is simply outdated and lacks prudence in protecting the public.

Thank you for your time in consideration of my comments

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