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There's a form letter for this, but let's simplify things. I live near the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, which has never been required to submit a revised evacuation plan since it opened in 1970. The population of San Diego County, California has more than doubled since that time, with particular growth in the northern coastal region near the nuclear power plant.

Geography limits our opportunities for evacuation in the event of disaster: to the west is the Pacific Ocean, south is Mexico, east are a limited number of mountain passes that lead into the Mojave Desert, and to the north is Los Angeles--where ground transit is clogged under the best of conditions. A disaster on the scale of Fukushima could leave 20 million people scrambling to evacuate. Like Japan, California is a geologically active part of the Pacific Rim.

To call this worrisome is an understatement: my grade school age niece and nephew live within twelve miles of the power plant. Our country can learn from Japan's mistake, or we can bow to corporate pressure and risk the consequences.

As an NRC employee, ask yourself two questions:

1. How willing are the companies that lobby you for soft regulation going to be to contribute resources for cleanup and rebuilding, if another Fukushima happens on American soil?
2. How secure would your own job and career be, if another Fukushima happened here?

Our aging nuclear plants leave you no choice but to consider these questions seriously.

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