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As we have seen with the nuclear disasters at Fukushima and Chernobyl, radiation from nuclear plant catastrophes knows no boundaries. Only distance can protect people and livestock. The current 10-mile emergency evacuation zone is a horrifying joke. Please expand the current Emergency Planning Zone to 25 miles, with no reduction in safety requirements. A 25 to 50 mile zone must also be established for possible evacuation, with a 50 to 100 mile Ingestion Pathway Zone added for the interdiction of contaminated milk, water and food. These should be the bare minimum of required protection!

Nuclear failure and disasters can and have happened. We have seen the inability of humans to stop them and adequately protect people and animals in all the "planned" areas. If we are going to continue the use of nuclear power, we must expand our precautionary measures, and provide for increased protection. All it takes is a strong wind, earthquake or other uncontrollable non-human event to turn an "incident" into a deadly catastrophe. Please plan for the worst, and more lives will be saved if it happens.

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