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The emergency evacuation zone for the public should be at least as large as the zone used for evacuation of the White House, Congress and Pentagon for national emergencies. Mount Weather in Virginia, Site R in Pennsylvania and similar facilities show the minimum distance that should be required for evacuating citizens from a Fukushima type meltdown.

As the reactors age and get more brittle, the risk of a Fukushima in the US continue to increase. While shutting down the reactors would be the obvious solution, since this is unlikely to happen until after the meltdown an interim step would be to expand the emergency planning area around each nuclear power reactor and require potential new licensed reactors to develop a serious evacuation plan, complete with strict liability requirements for reactor operators to compensate any and all evacuees (above and beyond the limits imposed by the Price Anderson Act).

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