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I understand that the NRC Commissioners will soon vote on whether or not to require filters and rupture discs on vents used to relieve containment pressure during a severe accident in reactors designed and manufactured by General Electric.

These Mark I and Mark II reactors demonstrated their vulnerability to such accidents at Fukushima in March 2011. These reactors suffer from serious and fundamental design deficiencies, provide only a small amount of the nation's electricity, and should be permanently closed.

But nearly two years after Fukushima, the NRC has done nothing to enhance the safety of these reactors. In a severe accident the amount of radioactivity released offsite from an unfiltered vent would be very large and damaging. It is imperative to add these filters to protect our families and property from contamination. Filtered systems are available, tested and in use today--for example in Sweden, Germany, France, Switzerland and will be installed in Japan. We must not repeat Japan's mistakes. Filters and rupture discs must be mandated before an accident.

As part of the Fukushima Lessons Learned Task Force, the NRC Staff recommended such filtering. During normal operations and design-basis accidents gaseous releases are filtered, but they are not filtered during severe accidents when the releases offsite would be the greatest. Incredibly, the nuclear industry has been lobbying against this common-sense measure.

I urge the NRC Commissioners to act to permanently close these dangerous reactors. Short of that, I urge the Commissioners to make a statement that public safety is indeed important, and require installation of these filtered vent systems. I call your attention to the comments submitted to the NRC by Pilgrim Watch on this matter.

Thank you.

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