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It's really unforgivable that the nuclear industry seems uninterested in bolstering its aging nuclear reactors. What about Fukushima do they not understand? I guess they think a nuclear disaster as bad as Fukushima would never happen here. I think they're living in a dream world. Unless these plants are strengthened or closed, a disaster will happen, it's just a matter of time. I would think that with our increasingly severe weather episodes that have been pounding the East Coast, that it would be a no-brainer to just close the plants. It's just downright scary that so little is being done to protect the public from these dangerous monstrosities. It's just plain evil to put profits ahead of safety.

I understand that the NRC Commissioners soon will vote on whether or not to require filters and rupture discs on vents used to relieve pressure from containments in 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 makes no sense not to add a filter 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 shouldn't have to learn the hard way, as did Japan, the danger of not requiring filters and rupture discs before the accident.

As part of the Fukushima Lessons Learned Task Force, the NRC Staff recommended such filtering. But the nuclear industry has been lobbying shamelessly against this common-sense measure, concerned more with the size of its bank accounts than public safety.

I urge the NRC Commissioners to act to permanently close these dangerous reactors as quickly as possible. In the interim, the Commissioners must require installation of these filtered vent systems.

Thank you.

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