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Please do not compromise nuclear plant safety any further! They already pose extreme and irreversible dangers, are unnecessary, prohibitively expensive, and should be eliminated!

I am very concerned about NRC Commissioners' upcoming vote on whether or not to require filters and rupture discs on vents used to relieve pressure from containments in a severe accident in GE reactors.

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.

It's been almost two years since Fukushima. Why has the NRC done nothing to increase reactor safety?

In a severe accident, radioactivity released offsite from an unfiltered vent would be extensive 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 used in Sweden, Germany, France, Switzerland and will be installed in Japan.

In Fukushima Lessons Learned Task Force, the NRC Staff recommended such filtering. Do not cave to the self interestes nuclear industry, which lobbies shamelessly against this common-sense measure.

I urge the NRC Commissioners to close permanently and immediately dangerous reactors.

Until then, filtered vent systems are a MUST!

Thank you.

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