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Soon the NRC Commissioners will vote whether to require filters and rupture discs on vents used to relieve pressure from containments during a severe accident involving Mark I and Mark II reactors reactors designed & manufactured by General Electric.

At Fukushima in March 2011, Mark I and Mark II reactors demonstrated their vulnerability They suffer serious and fundamental design deficiencies, provide only a small amount of the nation's electricity, and ought to be closed, forever.

But the NRC has done nothing to make those reactors safe. In a severe accident the radioactivity released offsite from an unfiltered vent would be astronomical & horrendously damaging. A filter will not protect humans or property or animals or the environment from contamination. Filtered systems are available, tested and in use today in Sweden, Germany, France, Switzerland and will be installed in Japan. Let us not learn from our own catastrophe what we ought to have learned from Fukushima.

The NRC's Fukushima Lessons Learned Task Force recommended the filtered systems used in Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, and France. But the nuclear industry has been lobbying shamelessly against this common-sense measure.

I demand that the NRC Commissioners close, now & forever, the nation's Mark I and Mark II reactors.

Thank you.

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