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I am writing this letter to ask that you update or close the GE nuclear reactors mentioned below. While living near Munich, Germany during the Chernobyl accident of April, 1986, I had to go through pretty heavy contamination and all the fears of having a one year old son during a nuclear accident. Now, 27 years after that accident, there are really damning statistics about the cancers and illnesses caused by that accident. And Chernobyl wasn't even a plutonium-using reactor. Had it used plutonium the death count would be staggeringly higher, given that even 5 MOLECULES of plutonium lodged in your lungs guarantees a death by cancer down the road.

How can you be SO stupid and greedy after Fukushima to disregard all science and risk the lives of so many people. What if YOUR CHILDREN were affected by a nuclear accident? Have you no conscience at all? SHAME ON YOU!

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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