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Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

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disaster

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

The earthquake and tsunami that devastated the east coast of Japan almost a year ago exposed serious failures in the system for regulating nuclear reactors and for protecting the public from nuclear accidents.

Despite these failures, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has continued to renew old operating licenses and issue new ones as though the meltdowns and explosions at Fukushima never happened. Not only is this practice unwise, it's also dangerous and an abdication of your responsibility to protect the public health and safety.

The NRC and the nuclear industry must learn the lessons of Fukushima. And the NRC must require binding commitments from its licensees to apply those lessons. Absent such a binding commitment the NRC cannot continue to give nuclear reactors the green light.

Thank you for considering my views.

Respectfully,

M + Mrs Michael Kevany