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General Comment

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I am writing in support of the proposed rule for "Improved Identification Techniques Against Alkali-Silica Reaction Concrete Degradation" at Nuclear Power Stations. You need to follow the current ASME testing protocols and stop playing around with people's lives. Once you find from the concrete core that the concrete is old and weak (which it is) and the containment is incapable of keeping all radiation inside, then you must shut down the nuclear reactors. There is no acceptable dose, no safe dose of radiation for people or the environment. Even more importantly you need to do ultrasonic testing of reactor pressure vessels to test for defects. The reactor pressure vessels in Belgium of a similar age are dangerously damaged. Both concrete and metal lose strength before the damage shows. This is even more dangerous for pressurized reactors. While you are at it you must put radiation filters on the pressure vents installed post-Fukushima - that is, of course, if any reactors are found safe to continue operation following proper testing standards.