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Radiation leaking from Fukushima should not be a basis for relaxing standards. If the Linear No-Threshold (LNT) model of radiation protection was wrong, then there needs to be scientifically valid support for rejecting it. And before changing it to the radiation hormesis model, there needs to be both scientifically valid support and adequate review by more than just a few. Just because there are costs associated in maintaining protective standards is not a reason for changing them. Either the existing standards are protective or they are not. Costs complying with them is irrelevant despite increased levels coming from Japan or releases elsewhere. Changing standards mid-stream of an ongoing catastrophe would give the public cause for suspecting governmental foul play in manipulating standards. Making a change at this point in time would lead to further radiation-phobia and government distrust from the public. Already it has become a joke when the Japanese government says their radiation falls within "acceptable limits". Yeah, after they raised them. Don't do likewise.