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Comments: I find it very disturbing that the NRC is considering allowing the construction of new nuclear stations in light of the Fukushima disaster of last year and the near catastrophe at Ft. Calhoun last summer. As the Fukushima disaster showed, the nuclear plant's core facilities were damaged and destroyed not by the tsunami, but by the earthquake. The vast majority of nuclear power plants in this country were not built with any consideration of threats from earthquakes, but just last year an earthquake shook the east coast. The Madrid Fault Zone is expected to become active in the near future.

Despite the rhetoric, nuclear energy is not "green" or "clean." It is a weapon that has the potential to harm and kill millions of people. Yes, coal power and oil power pollute the environment, but radiation kills and also remains in our environment for millenia.

How many more disasters must there be before the NRC recognizes that it cannot effectively regulate the nuclear industry? Mr. Jaczko, NRC Director, admitted that the NRC does not have the power to require the private nuclear industry to maintain safe standards--it only has the power to "request" that it do so. And abundant evidence exists that many stations do not comply with safety standards.

The NRC is supposed to protect the American public. Instead of licensing new stations and renewing the licenses of outdated facilities, the NRC should be helping this country move away from nuclear power to safe alternatives that do not carry the risk of killing millions of our citizens.

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