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Dear Sir, dear Madam,

We are mailing you to express our deep concerns about the situation of the nuclear power plant in Borssele, the Netherlands, which is visited by your inspectors at this moment. We would like to use this moment to request you to commission the power plant's management to perform a complete inspection.

The Borssele power plant was inspected in 2013, commissioned by its management. The conclusion was that there was no damage of the reactor; nor inside the hull, or on its surface. However, the reactor was inspected for only 40%, although a 100% inspection had originally been announced. In our view this should have happened. Moreover, at that moment, there was no independent supervision institution in the Netherlands. The Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs was responsible for both issuing the licences and monitoring of compliance.

Recently, a former employee of the Rotterdam Droogdok Maatschappij (Rotterdam Drydock Company) pointed out to us that there has been hydrogen containment between the cladding and carbon steel layer in Borssele. Experts have stated before that the damage in the Tihange and Doel reactors was also caused by hydrogen containment. The cladding at the bottom of the reactor of Borssele was replaced, while not in the hull. Therefore, we can assume that the damage in the hull still exists.

We believe that a complete inspection of this aged nuclear facility is of utmost importance to the safety of the region. We therefore hope your organisation can request the power plant's management to perform a complete inspection of the safety and status of the surface and hull of the reactor.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of
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