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Vermont Yankee Plant

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Nils Diaz, Chairman
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20005-0001

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I have been a NH resident for 40 years and feel privileged to live in such a beautiful area, but I have never felt so insecure as when I read in the Valley Advocate about Entergy's request to increase Vermont Yankee's power by 20%. We in Dublin are downwind from Brattleboro, but the whole state and indeed a large portion of New England could be terribly damaged if an accident should occur there under certain winds.


I am writing to ask you to oppose this dangerous plan and to ask for an independent safety assessment of the plant similar to the one conducted several years ago at Maine Yankee.

Vermont Yankee is the oldest still-operating Yankee nuclear plant and was built under less stringent requirements than are currently necessary. It would not be allowed to be built today. The original owners considered it unsafe to try for even a 5% uprate; it's ridiculous to expect that a 20% uprate would be safe.

Four out of eight of the nuclear power plants that have tried to upgrade their output in the range of 13-20% have had components break under the added stress.

Please do all you can to protect the people of New Hampshire and New England from this hazardous plan.

Sincerely,



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