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Letter to the NRC

*Good Evening,
I appreciate being able to speak to you tonight.*

My name is Alison Macrae and I live in Guilford, Vermont with my husband Bill Murray. I own and run a business, a Home and Garden shop, on Main Street in Brattleboro.

I have lived in this area for 27 years. The proximity of Vermont Yankee has always been a concern for me, but I have been able to live with it, in the belief that in 2012 the plant would be shut down and the risks minimized.

The application by Entergy for an uprate for this aging plant, with, I'm sure, plans for applying for licensing extension in the future, has me extremely concerned and upset.

I'm not able to buy insurance for my business or my home that would cover having to leave them behind in the event of an accident at Vermont Yankee. I do not, at my age, want to pull up my roots and move from this very special community that I feel so connected to, but I feel a range of stressful emotions in deciding to stay here since Entergy's application for an uprate.

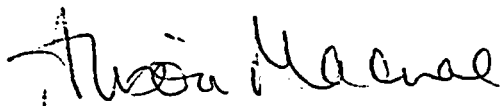
I'm frightened, and I'm angry about what might happen to my health, my community, my environment and to everything that I have worked so hard for all my life.

With so much distrust of government and authority in our country today, those of us who are lucky enough to live in this small State of Vermont, can usually count on being treated fairly and honestly. But it appears that a decision to grant an uprate to Entergy was made long ago and all of the meetings and hearings to which the public have been invited, are just window dressing. How can that be for the public good?

I beg the NRC to be fair with us, to take our safety concerns as their top priority and to call for an independent engineering assessment of Vermont Yankee before allowing an uprate.

That is the only way I will feel comfortable that a legitimate effort has been made to listen to us, and, if after a successful independent assessment the uprate is granted, I will feel at least every effort was made to allay my fears about safety at the plant. I believe it is a reasonable thing for us who live daily in Vermont Yankee's shadow to ask for.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alison Macrae". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alison Macrae