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Janet and Walter Schwarz
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AUTHOR:

Walter and Janet Schwarz

AFFILIATION:

VT

ADDRESSEE:

Nils Diaz

SUBJECT:

Vermont Yankee..request for public hearing priro to "Exit" meeting and req formal hearing before final decision

ACTION:

Appropriate

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850 Meadowbrook Road
Brattleboro, VT 05301
October 3, 2004

Mr. Nils Diaz, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Diaz:

As residents of Vermont, we are extremely concerned about the effect of a 20% power uprate on the safe operation of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. Consequently, we supported an independent safety assessment like the one done at Maine Yankee in 1996.

We understand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has ordered a design and engineering inspection of Vermont Yankee, although much less comprehensive than the one conducted at Maine Yankee, and that it will be released soon. We believe that it is essential that members of the public, including independent experts, be given ample opportunity to review the NRC inspection report before the "exit meeting," and that a formal hearing be held to allow the public to ask questions and make comments. Also, interested parties must be allowed to file new briefs on issues that may arise from the inspection report.

Vermont Yankee is a 32-year old plant. Recent incidents at the plant include cracks in the steam dryer, missing radioactive fuel rods due to poor record keeping, and a fire in the transformer due to poor maintenance, which shut the plant down for several weeks. A 20% power uprate will increase the risk of accident due to a hotter core and degradation of internal parts due to the increased irradiation, as well as a 20% increase in dangerous radioactive waste stored on the plant's premises.

In a matter that is so crucial to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Vermont and neighboring states, it is extremely important that we have all the facts and figures, and the opportunity to make our voices heard, before a final decision is made regarding the power uprate at Vermont Yankee.

Sincerely yours,

Janet F. Schwarz *Walter F. Schwarz*
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