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Docket No. 50-271-OLA

Re: Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee Power Uprate Case Before the US
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1996.

As you know, the comprehensive safety assessment that was performed at Maine Yankee comprised approximately 20,000 person/hours of "Document Review and Onsite Inspection." In contrast, the NRC "design and engineering" inspection of Vermont Yankee last August consisted of approximately 700 hours of direct inspection effort. If the figures for license amendment review and reactor safeguards review (approximately 4000 hours) are included, it is still considerably less than the in-depth comprehensive inspection held at Maine Yankee. Although we have learned that there will be an additional review regarding steam dryer concerns, nevertheless we do not believe that an adequate inspection has taken place at Vermont Yankee.

When the uprate inspection is completed, it is essential that the NRC hold a formal public hearing on the results of the inspection, with right of discovery and cross examination of witnesses, to properly consider all the safety concerns raised by the New England Coalition and the State of Vermont. In addition it is necessary that the NRC publish the results of the inspection several weeks before the public hearing so that members of the public, including independent experts, can ask informed questions at the meeting. Furthermore, interested parties must be allowed to file briefs on new contentions as information becomes available.

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 proposed power uprate at Vermont Yankee. Thank you.

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Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station))
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(Operating License Amendment))

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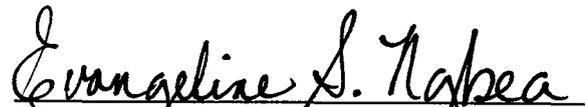
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