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Request for Independent Safety Assessment of the
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant

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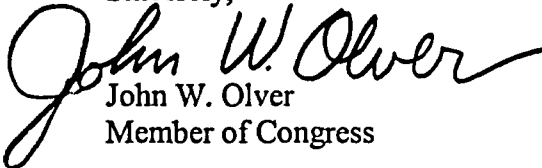
Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to urge you to conduct a comprehensive Independent Safety Assessment of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant using the same methodology and scope that was applied to the Maine Yankee Reactor.

I represent the 1st Congressional District of Massachusetts and many of my constituents live within the fallout area of Vermont Yankee. It is my understanding that a 20% power increase subjects all components of the reactor to greatly increased stresses, which can lead to major malfunctions in the rest of the power station. It is known that the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant has existing cracks in its steam dryers, an issue that has caused major failures in other uprated facilities across the country. Conducting a stress test of components while the reactor's power level is being ramped up is both irresponsible and creates an unacceptable risk to the lives of all living in the vicinity of the reactor.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


John W. Olver
Member of Congress

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