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Senator John F. Kerry

TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF : ** GRN ** CRC NO: 05-0569

Reyes, EDO

DESC:

ROUTING:

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant to Increase its
Energy Output (Karen Fogliatti)

Reyes
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Collins, RI
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Coordinate with NRR and Region I, as appropriate.
Respond directly to constituent and cc: Senator
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November 15, 2005

Dr. Nils J. Diaz, Ph.D.
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Dr. Diaz,

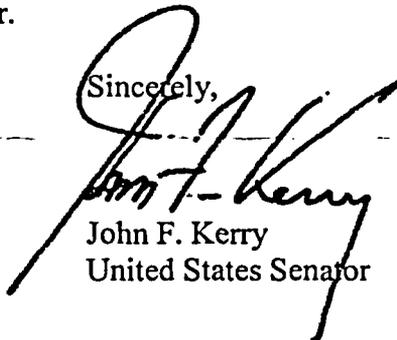
I am forwarding to you a copy of a correspondence from Ms. Karen Fogliatti expressing her concerns about the NRC's decision to allow Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant to increase its energy output.

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in the attached correspondence.

In addition to sending a reply directly to Ms. Fogliatti, please convey a copy of your response to the issues raised in Ms. Fogliatti's correspondence to Tyke Crowley of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry
United States Senator

Enclosures: Ms. Fogliatti's letter
JFK/fbc

Sen. John Kerry
1 Bowdoin Square, 10th floor
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Dear Senator Kerry,

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, referring to the proposed 20 % increase in output of the Vermont Yankee nuclear reactor in Vernon, Vermont, has stated in a recently released report that "there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner,"

As someone who lives in harms way of this 33 year old reactor, "reasonable assurance" is NOT very comforting and is, in fact, completely UNACCEPTABLE. As a constituent of yours, I urge you to push for a more thorough, independent assessment of the impact that such an uprate would have on a plant this old and the risk of greater levels of radiation being released into the surrounding communities. Considering the potential cost of a nuclear accident both in human and environmental terms, the benefits of a slower, more cautious evaluative process seem well worth the money and time spent.

I urge you to also push for an unbiased, thorough assessment of the current impact that the radiation from this nuclear plant is having on the humans, animals, air, water, and land in the 50 mile radius surrounding the reactor. It may turn out that, as with Yankee Rowe, it is time to shut this plant down rather than run the risk of operating it any further, much less at higher, more dangerous levels.

Thank you for your assistance with this very serious issue.

Sincerely,

Karen Fogliatti

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