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Dear NRC staff,

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I write in reference to p.1774 of the Federal Register / Vol. 71, No. 7 Wednesday January 11, 2006. A statement appears that "NRC staff concludes that the proposed change ( an uprate at Vermont Yankee) would not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

I am most worried about the "Experimental Power Ascension Test" which will be conducted while the plant is on line because there is significant uncertainty of the plant's method of calculating stress on the steam dryer. The steam dryer is cracked and old. This kind of test is just begging for an accident! Representative John Olver calls it "irresponsible" and I agree with him.

The Union of Concerned Scientists has expressed grave concerns about VY's taking credit for containment overpressure, and states that public protection standards are being sacrificed at the corporate profit altar. Believe me, it is not fun to live in the shadow of such an endangered plant.

Please give us the reassurance of conducting a thorough Independent Safety Assessment to discover the degree to which components of the Vermont Yankee plant are leaking, degraded, cracked or in the wrong position. If such an assessment had been conducted on the Challenger before it's launch it would have been discovered that the fatal O rings would lose flexibility in cold temperatures, and the mission would not have ended so tragically.

Sincerely yours,

*Marcia Bourne*

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