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To the Chief of the Rules and Directives Branch,

I live in Greenfield, MA in an area just slightly over 10 miles from the Vt. Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. I am responding within the 30-day open comment period regarding the decision to grant the Uprate to Entergy (Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 7, Wed. 1/11/06, P. 1774).

I am enraged that Entergy Corporation is being granted this request. They have no concern for the safety of all of us who live here in this beautiful area and are only concerned with their profit margin. For you to grant this request is reprehensible.

This is an aging, embrittled, cracked reactor, which has many problems and needs to be shut down, not uprated and extended. The risk assessments in the draft Safety Evaluation released by your Commission are based on the false assumption that Vermont Yankee is a new reactor and since it is not the design basis safety margins NO LONGER APPLY. There is a significant reduction of safety margins in fact. It is deplorable and irresponsible that you refuse to do an ISA to actually inspect the degree to which the components are leaking, degraded and cracked or left in the wrong position.

An ISA is needed to ensure containment integrity. There have been repeated events involving the inoperability of the high pressure coolant injection system and an ISA is needed to determine why this is happening and what else might go wrong in the back up coolant systems.

Your decision should be put on hold until such an Independent Safety Assessment and a real risk and consequences assessment are done. The system as it is now is greatly flawed.

Sincerely,



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