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Dear Sir,

I am writing to urge you <sup>on the</sup> to conduct a comprehensive Independent Safety Assessment, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant using the same methodology and scope that was used with the Maine Yankee Reactor. It is my understanding that a 20% power increase subjects all components of the reactor to greatly increased stresses, which can lead to malfunctions in the rest of the system. It is known that the Vermont Yankee Power Plant has existing cracks in its steam dryers, an issue that has caused major failures at uprated facilities across the country. Conducting a stress test of components while the power level is being ramped up is both irresponsible and creates an unacceptable risk for all living in the vicinity of the reactor.

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

Sincerely,  
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