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Chairman Jaczko

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ROUTING:

2.206 - Tritium Leak - Entergy Vermont Yankee
Nuclear Power Plant (EDATS: SECY-2010-0235)

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OCA Concurrence: NO

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AUTHOR: REP Paul Hodes
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ADDRESSEE: Gregory Jaczko
SUBJECT: Urges not to restart the Vermont Yankee power plant scheduled outage until all environmental remediation work and report on leaking tritium have been completed

ACTION: Signature of Chairman
DISTRIBUTION: RF, OCA to Ack

LETTER DATE: 04/19/2010
ACKNOWLEDGED No
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NOTES: Staff should review to determine whether this should be handled as a 2.206 petition....

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DATE DUE: 05/11/2010 **DATE SIGNED:**

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-2902

April 19, 2010

The Honorable Gergory B. Jaczko
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-16G4
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Jaczko,

I am writing to ask you to not allow the Vermont Yankee power plant to restart after its scheduled outage until all environmental remediation work and relevant reports on leaking tritium at the plant have been completed.

As you know, the tritium leak at Vermont Yankee, originally reported in January 2010, has necessitated multiple environmental remediation efforts that are currently underway, as well as official reviews of both the cause of the leak and the accuracy of information reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Vermont Yankee systems.

I appreciate the steps the Commission has taken in recent weeks to increase its role in overseeing the response to this leak, and ask that the plant not be allowed to start up again this spring until my constituents are assured that the cause of the leak has been safely and completely addressed. With the plant already scheduled to shut down and several additional safety checks planned, it would be irresponsible to restart operations before the Commission can verify to the public that the tritium leak has been fixed and environmental cleanup is complete.

Given the number of pending actions in response to this incident, I urge you to prevent the plant from resuming power production after its scheduled refueling outage until the following efforts have been completed to the Commission's satisfaction:

- The tritiated groundwater remediation process that is currently underway;
- The soil remediation process scheduled to take place during the refueling outage, to remove soil containing not only tritium, but also radioactive isotopes of cesium, manganese, zinc and cobalt;
- The ongoing Root Cause Analysis being performed by Entergy under the oversight of the Commission;

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- The Commission's review of the documents presented as a result of its Demand For Information, submitted to Entergy on March 1, 2010.

My constituents in New Hampshire, many of whom live or work within Vermont Yankee's Emergency Planning Zone, deserve to know that this leak has been safely and completely addressed before operations at the plant restart again.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Hodes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul W. Hodes
Member of Congress