

Mr. William R. Dean
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Dear Mr. Dean,

I write in follow-up to questions I asked at the June 22 public hearing held by the NRC in Brattleboro, Vermont. As a citizen living with his family in the evacuation zone, I inquired about the threat and plan regarding cyber-attack and potential computer disruption at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant. Feel free to correct me: you responded that an outdated plan had been generated after 911. You said that nuclear facilities within your region are currently in the process of supplying revised plans and related reports and that these are still due to be released following review and redaction.

Regarding (1) the safety threat posed to Vermont Yankee and similar facilities by computer-related disruptions and cyber-attack specifically, (2) the measures being taken by Entergy, the NRC, and other contractors and government agencies to protect against this attack, and (3) the plan in place should on-site computers be disabled, *please supply to me the following:*

- a) Dates as to when Vermont Yankee has to supply the revised plan and reports you spoke of and when the final plan and report will be released to the public.
- b) The current, outdated plan for Vermont Yankee.
- c) The final reports and revised plans re Vermont Yankee when available.

The reasons for my concern I gave at the hearing, and recent news of cyber-breaches only amplifies my concern. The Stuxnet virus disabling Iranian nuclear facilities and the LuizSec hacking group disrupting Arizona Public Safety for political reasons exemplify how current the threat is. The idea that a successful cyber-threat/attack “won’t (or can’t) happen here” is posed against knowledge that one, a large energy corporation is provoking the public will as expressed by a state governor and legislature, and two, that our region and the world is pocketed with those skilled in computers and opposed to continued plant operation. I add this knowledge to that of other recent security breaches of high-level targets, and from outside or inside our region, Vermont Yankee seems at serious risk as an object of cyber-attack.

Thank you for supplying this information. In considering the future reliability and safety of a plant that already faces a kind of siege, this information is important. I copy this to my member of Congress to underline my request and concern.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. Rehmus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

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