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General Comment

Just realized I made some errors on my letter I sent earlier today. I am resending this version. Please accept it as my public comment.

Please put it on record that I oppose the 2 exemptions that Vermont Yankee is requesting. I support the State of Vermont's efforts to require Entergy Inc, the owner of Vermont Yankee, to continue emergency planning zone coverage for the present 10 mile radius around Vermont Yankee until the the spent fuel pool is empty and all highly radioactive spent fuel is in dry cask storage. In fact, I believe the EPZ should be 50 miles, as the US government advised US citizens in Japan after the disaster at Fukushima to evacuate if they were within 50 miles!

Also, I am requesting that the NRC deny Entergy's request for an exemption to increase notification time of a problem at Vermont Yankee from the present 15 minutes to 60 minutes. We should be notified in 15 minutes or less. Granting these 2 exemptions to Vermont Yankee would endanger public safety. The NRC needs to protect the public!

The Town of Greenfield, MA wrote a letter/resolution which opposes granting these exemptions.

Also, the towns of Gill, Bernardston and Warwick, MA have written letters opposing granting the exemptions.

Other towns in the area are in the process of doing so as well.

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The temporary spent fuel pool is now holding 4 times as much spent fuel as it was designed to hold (close to 3,000 spent fuel rods), on top of a 7 story building, covered with a thin metal roof. Highly radioactive fuel will continue to be moved through 2020 from the over-packed spent fuel pool high above the reactor, into dry cask storage and we need to be protected.

With VY downsizing its staff, is there enough security and oversight to protect citizens from terrorist threats? And, if we lose power due to severe weather or if the grid goes down for any reason, will the back-up generators work and be sufficient to cool the spent fuel pool to ensure public safety? These questions are important to consider especially after 9/11 and the disaster at Fukushima, Japan (a plant that was the same Mark 1 Boiling Water Reactor as VY).

The NRC needs to take into consideration these 2 questions when you consider that there are close to 3,000 spent fuel rods at VY (3 million curies of highly radioactive spent fuel at Vermont Yankee). The bomb at Hiroshima was only 2,000 curies.

Please take into consideration our safety and deny Entergy the 2 exemptions they are requesting at Vermont Yankee.

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