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General Comment

Dear Commissioners:

As a Vermont resident and retired international energy planner I am quite concerned about proposed changes in decommissioning rules that seem to be designed to protect Entergy as a corporation, rather than to protect the citizens of Vermont and neighboring states.

It is with some trepidation that I have learned that the NRC inspectors have left VT Yankee. This raises the obvious questions: "Who is enforcing existing NRC rules? Where is the accountability?" Unannounced inspections and liaison to the Community Advisory Board should be mandatory.

It unfortunately seems that owners like Entergy exploit SAFSTOR to avoid compliance with regulations and to defer cleanup for decades. The result -- whether intended or not -- is that workers who know the reactor have been withdrawn; the environment is at risk of more contamination over time; and

economic planning is deferred.

It seems totally against the rules and regulations that were once in place to govern safe decommissioning of nuclear reactors, but now the NRC is allowing Entergy to use Yankee decommissioning trust funds for nuclear waste management and storage, property taxes, and lobbying. The rules should be enforced.

Sincerely,

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