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Dear Mr. Ahearn:

In light of the recent developments at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant in Vernon, Vermont, as well as a long history of accidents and continued failure to meet safety standards, a full and public investigation is imperative before allowing the plant to go back on line.

Representatives of the Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance (VYDA) have addressed our concerns and identified the specific areas requiring investigation at the plant in communications with Richard Snelling, Governor of Vermont, and John Griffin, President of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant. We believe that the situation at the plant constitutes an immediate and serious threat to the safety of the people of Vermont and surrounding areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to spell out our concerns and our business with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Our concerns are many: 1) the water clean-up system and reactor discharge pipe, 2) the accelerated and unexpected decay of the turbine generator, 3) the repeated failure to repair the Dry Well Torus, 4) the absence of a proper inerting system, and, 5) prolonged operation under an out-dated safety waiver.

Our business is to request that the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant remain closed until such time as a full investigation has proven that it no longer poses a threat of imminent danger to the public.

It is our hope and expectation that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will exercise its authority in this matter to require that the plant remain closed and initiate a full investigation of the crucial situation at Vermont Yankee.

Yours truly,

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