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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Ahearne:

I'd like to wish you a happy and healthy new year; a new year without any accidents or problems. This is, however, just a dream. For I'm sure once again this year will bring more close calls or "minor disasters." Why don't you wake up? Your standards aren't nearly as tough as they should be and are not being enforced. If you really wanted to be on the safe side you'd shut down some of the plants.

My particular interest is the Vermont Yankee plant. This plant has undergone a shut down for repairs. I suspect that many parts of the plant need extensive reparation. There are cracks in the reactor water clean up pipe and in the cooling

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system. When these cracks have been welded there is still more corrosion occurring and welds are only temporary. Moreover, Vermont Yankee has been operating without a water discharge permit for almost a year. Furthermore as I understand it, the Vermont Yankee storage pool contains more nuclear waste than it was designed to hold and more is being added to it.

I believe that these problems may combine to produce a horrible accident. Vermont Yankee is decaying and is an unreliable operation. I am joining hundreds of others in requesting an investigation into the safety and management of this plant. This must be a full, public, independent investigation accompanied by public hearings with the NRC and independent experts participating. Why not stop disasters before they happen?

Sincerely yours

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