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John Ahearne, Chair
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Dear Sir:

I'm deeply concerned about the safety of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant. Since it has been shut down for refueling, cracks have been discovered in the reactor water clean-up pipe. Since this pipe circulates and filters highly radioactive water from the reactor, these cracks could pose a serious threat to the public.

Another concern is that the storage pool for used uranium rods now contains twice the amount of nuclear waste it was designed to hold. I would like to see "Vermont Yankee" closed until safe and permanent storage facilities exist.

Respectfully yours

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