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I am presently employed with Northeast Utilities and have been assigned to various nuclear engineering activities there over the past 25 years. I attended both your press and public meetings at Waterford, CT and was encouraged that finally something positive would be done about the historical neglect of nuclear safety practices at NU. However, recently I've read that the NRC will allow NU to select the INDEPENDENT reviewer of MP3 and that the NRC was even considering allowing NU to use some of their own staff. Internal to NU, I'm hearing that NU is searching for an Architect Engineering firm West of the Mississippi, to perform this review.

Please listen when I say that the only independent entities that should be considered for this task should be selected from academia bolstered with some of the most active whistleblowers in Connecticut. Money, power, and greed has driven Northeast Utilities out of control and only the level of oversight that I suggest can, in my view, restore nuclear safety ethics at NU and regain the public trust. I implore you to pursue the independent review of MP3, using a truly objective and honest approach, selected by the NRC Commission.

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