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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my disagreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commissions staff's conclusion that an uprate at Vermont Yankee in Vernon, VT would not create a significant reduction in the operational safety margin of the plant. The NRC has used a risk assessment that does not include consequences as part of the risk, and does not incorporate known, real experience in the calculations. Vermont Yankee does not just exist in theory, it is an aging plant that has components that can be compared to other existing components, and anything that happens affects the plant in real life, and the surrounding area.

There are better ways to evaluate the safety and integrity of the systems in use at Vermont Yankee, and the NRC should use those better ways to perform a complete assessment of the plant before there is any further consideration of an uprate.

As a resident of the area within 10 miles of Vermont Yankee, I am not willing to let the NRC abdicate its responsibility to evaluate the proposal independently, using the best methods available, instead of acquiescing to industry demands.

Sincerely,

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