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General Comment

These comments are related to the section of the PSDAR that pertain to Vermont Yankee's Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) and their Emergency Response Data System (ERDS). We live within the 10 mile EPZ and have family and friends who live within the 10 mile EPZ, as well as outside but within a radius of the plant that would be affected if there were a fire or explosion at VY. When the nuclear disaster happened at Fukushima, the United States government instructed all US citizens to get at least 50 miles away. VY has asked for exemptions from notifying people who live within the 10 mile radius, and an exemption from notifying the public from the present 15 minutes to 60 minutes. Also, VY has asked for an exemption from real time monitoring ERDS if there was a problem at the plant. The NRC granted VY the exemptions they requested. This is outrageous! The NRC is funded by the taxpayers and should be representing the public. The public's safety and health is at risk! Storage of the spent fuel, which is five times as much as should be held in the temporary spent fuel pool, seven stories high over the reactor, is of serious concern. There are at least 3 million curies in the temporary spent fuel pool. Hiroshima was only 2,000 curies. Weather in this area is also a real risk including earthquakes, like we saw in Fukushima. These risks cannot and should not be discounted or ignored. In addition, the fact that VY has significantly decreased their staff and security is putting us all at serious risk. Continued staff downsizing at VY could potentially contribute to "Faulty Calculations" and problems at VY, as we have seen recently on Dec. 30 after the plant shut down. This latest news and the fact that VY has had numerous leaks, discoveries of underground pipes, and other discrepancies in the past is very worrisome to those of us who live in the area. During decommissioning is not the time to downsize staff and security. In fact, security should be increased so the public would be protected from outside threats, weather-related disasters, and "Faulty Calculations". Public safety should be the number one concern during decommissioning, and the public needs to be protected and given enough notice in case we need to evacuate. The NRC needs to know that this is a serious concern and needs to address the issue of protecting the public who is funding the NRC and not protecting VY!

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