

Dear Sir,

I am a concerned citizen of Massachusetts who lives downwind from the Vernon Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. Because I have become aware of the following problems at the plant, I am requesting that you support a public hearing on the plant's inadequacies and a move to prevent the re-opening of the plant:

- 1) the spent rod storage pool now contains twice the waste - was designed to hold;
- 2) failure in properly repairing the dry well torus safety system so that the plant operates without complete protection;
- 3) corrosion and cracks in the reactor water clean-up pipe and faulty welds;
- 4) degenerating repair welds that have been replaced with clamps;
- 5) over-exposure of temporary workers doing repairs;
- 6) disintegrating parts; the high pressure steam cross-over line, and a cracked torus that has not been replaced.

7) continued operation without a water discharge permit and failure to comply with that permit's criteria. The costs that are passed on to ratepayers through rate hikes, including \$7,000,000 in 1980 and \$35,000,000 in 1979 for torus-repairs, and \$9,000,000 for the faulty bolts discovered by the NRC in the piping system.

Nuclear power is an admitted risk; plants like Vermont Yankee increase that risk even further. Please keep this plant closed.

Thank you,
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