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Mr. John Ahearn, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Ahearn,

As a concerned citizen of Southeastern Vermont  
I write urging your support of the Vermont Yankee  
Decommissioning Alliances request for a full public  
investigation of our neighbor Vermont Yankee Nuclear  
Power Plant.

It is unfortunate that it has taken an accident,  
like Three Mile Island, and the present state of  
Yankee to bring about this demand. However, it is  
even more unfortunate that the V.Y.D.A.'s request has  
been turned down by your commission, Governor Snelling  
and the Public Service Board. I do not understand this  
denial. If is actually safe then why refuse a public  
investigation? Furthermore the implications of a need for  
a reinvestigation are so obvious.

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The containment pool is holding twice the amount of  
waste it was designed to hold. A major safety system

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has been in the process of repairs for three years. Since last June when the water discharge permit expired, and was not renewed because further study was needed, the plant has operated. Very recently a barrel was found floating in the Conn. River, Yankee is telling us it was only detergent. The cracked pipes, turbine blade and cooling system pipes, along with "expected" corrosion prove the necessity of this call. The plant is just wearing out.

And what is being done about it? Scores of workers are being hired for these repairs, due to extremely high radiation levels they are exposed to. It is absolutely scandalous that these people are being attracted by such high wages and low qualifications and then not properly informed of the carcinogenic and mutagenic effects of radiation.

Please, support us in our efforts for a safe world.

Your response ~~via~~ will be appreciated.

Respectfully,  
Martha Abel