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Dear NDCAP members,

March 15, 2021

You may or may not recall that when Tropical Storm Irene came roaring up the Connecticut River Valley nearly ten years ago in August 2011, that destructive storm was headed directly toward Vernon and VY before it inexplicably took a left turn up the Deerfield River Valley, thus heading west instead of north. Many of us heaved a big sigh of relief.

Six months later an MIT study was published in MIT News titled, **‘Storm of the Century?’ Try ‘Storm of the Decade’:** **With climate change, today’s ‘100-year floods’ may happen every three to 20 years, according to new research.**

See <https://news.mit.edu/2012/storm-of-the-decade-0213>

I am glad to know that NDCAP is studying the various aspects of decommissioning and federal nuclear policy. As you must realize, there is a great deal to learn.

At your December 7, 2020 meeting, I encouraged you to look into and seriously pursue relocating the VY hardened onsite casks in the near future to a nearby higher location and surround them with protective berms, given their vulnerability to severe weather on the banks of the Connecticut River, regardless of whether or not the casks are eventually moved out-of-state. In any case, those casks are very likely to be in Vernon for the next 7-20 years before they can realistically be transferred across the country, due to the challenging logistics of long-distance transfer, as well as the politics connected with this issue.

In order to prepare against possible weather catastrophes, it also seems imperative that the people in the vicinity of VY must be protected as much as possible, and compensated as a host community, at least temporarily, for this risk. I feel that federal funds must be sought and acquired in order to do this. I hope you will give consideration to this very real concern, and either use decommissioning funds for this or get federal funding for it.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

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