

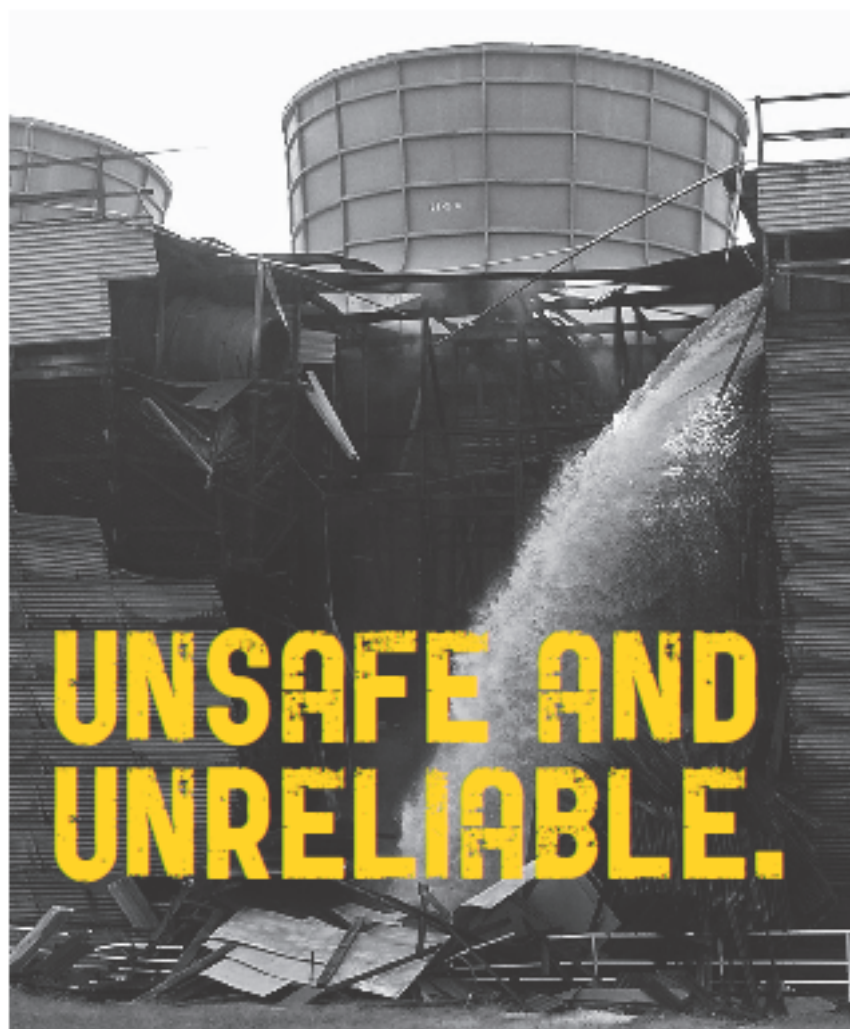
RETIRE

VERMONT YANKEE

AS PLANNED

Compelling

- Vermont Yankee is:
 - Too old to be safe or reliable any longer
 - Owned by an out of state corporation we can't trust
 - Run by out of state executives we can't trust
- and it should be retired as scheduled.



Vermont Yankee cooling tower collapse, 2007.

CLOSING VERMONT YANKEE AS SCHEDULED IS THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO.

- The plant is too old to be safe or reliable.
- Entergy, the out-of-state corporate owners of Vermont Yankee, repeatedly lied about pipes leaking radioactive pollution into our groundwater.
- Keeping the reactor open past 2012 means risking more leaks and contamination, and Vermonters could get stuck with the billion dollar clean-up bill.

ACT NOW!

Entergy's lobbyists are flooding our Statehouse. Go to VPIRG.ORG to contact your legislators and tell them to

RETIRE THE REACTOR AS PLANNED.



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Concise



Consistent

- The plant is old, it's outdated, it's falling apart and it's owned by a corporation that runs its plants using a Wall Street playbook. This unsafe, unreliable plant needs to be closed down as scheduled.

- Taylor Johnson, Rochester, in a letter to the editor of the Rutland Herald, 2/10/2010

- This old shaky plant...must close on schedule and the vote must happen now.

- Robin Timko, Cavendish, in a letter to the editor of the Rutland Herald, 2/11/2010

★ **James, VPIRG Advocate** vpirg@vpirg.org to me[show details](#) 9:41 PM (9 minutes ago)

Reply

Ben,

This is it!

Today, Peter Shumlin, President Pro Tem of the Vermont State Senate, announced that the Senate will vote on whether Vermont Yankee should be closed on time. **The first vote will be this week and the final vote will be next week!** After years of work by thousands of Vermonters, this is it. But, Entergy, **Vermont Yankee's corporate owners**, know this is their shot at getting permission to keep the old reactor running and they will do whatever they think it will take. Your Senators need to hear from you, not just Entergy's lobbyists.

[Send a message to your Senators](#)

What do we know about Vermont Yankee? We know **the plant is too old to be reliable or safe**. It was designed to operate for 40 years and the plant is **simply worn out**. Just look at Vermont Yankee's record of failures, collapses and leaks. And now the contamination of groundwater and soil with radiation. Its time has come.

[Send a message NOW](#)

Say what you want about **Vermont Yankee's corporate owners**. They **have a serious problem about telling the truth**. They're dishonest, they don't care a bit about Vermonters and they'd rather make a healthy profit than maintain their power plants. But make no mistake: **Vermont Yankee's out of state corporate executives** are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on PR and lobbyists to get Yankee a new lease on life.

They are going to throw everything they have at us. We need to do the same. **This is the time to fight back.**

[Send a message to your Senator](#)





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Come to the State House on Wednesday February 24th. The vote will be next week and we need hundreds of Vermonters in the State House to ensure a victory. <http://tiny.cc/VYRSVP>. Spread the word - please share & repost!

Close Vermont Yankee As Scheduled

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Join VPIRG, Toxic Action Center, GreenPeace and our allies in the Environmental movement to send a message to lawmakers that we need to close Vermont Yankee on time. Wednesday February 24th - 9 am, State House, Montpelier.

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HisLordship Coco Holton I hope the vote is a successful one - CLOSE VERMONT YANKEE!

February 20, 2010 at 8:39am · [Like](#)

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BREAKING: VY Vote happening *next week*. Tell your Senators to close VT Yankee as scheduled: <http://tiny.cc/closevyontime>. Spread the word - please share & repost!

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Control

- The problem is that the plant is too old to be reliable or safe.

- James Moore, VPIRG Clean Energy Program Director

New York Times, January 28, 2010

What happens when you nail messaging:

Can't trust these guys

Until now I have been a supporter, but we definitely have a problem with Vermont Yankee. When a nuclear plant is run properly and kept in good repair, it is very safe and provides the cleanest, cheapest energy around. However this appears not to be the case with the Vermont Yankee plant. I was extremely concerned about the first contaminated well found last week. Then another one was found. Then last night I learned about the trench under the plant containing tritium contaminated water 90 times greater than that found in the first well.

When I was on a tour of the nuclear plant about a year ago I asked Jay Thayer if there was any chance of contamination from the plant running into the river or groundwater. He laughed at my question (there were about 20 other legislators around) and said there was no chance that would ever happen thanks to the many safeguards at the plant.

I am a Vermonter. I believe trustworthiness is a basic quality in dealing with anyone. When you don't have trust, you don't have anything. I can no longer trust these guys and don't want to do business with them.

*Representative Carolyn Branagan
Franklin-1, Fairfax/Georgia*

Utilities Reach Historic Agreement With Hydro-Quebec

Thursday, 03/11/10 5:50pm and Friday, 03/12/10 6:34am

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John Dillon



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The control room at Green Mountain Power Corp.

(Host) Vermont's two largest electric utilities have reached an agreement to buy electricity from Hydro-Quebec for 26 years.

It's a historic agreement and it caps more than a year of negotiations.

VPR's John Dillon reports.

(Dillon) Vermont utilities have faced what they call the power supply gap. That's the time frame over the next few years when current Hydro-Quebec contracts expire, and **the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant is scheduled to retire.**

The deal reached this week with Hydro-Quebec is for about a quarter of the state's energy demand - so it fills a big piece of that gap. The agreement is in the form of a memorandum of understanding that sets out the terms of a contract that's yet to be finalized.

Governor Jim Douglas had urged the state's utilities to wrap up the negotiations.

(Douglas) "And I believe in order to secure our energy future, to minimize greenhouse gas emissions, to have a stable reliable competitive source for electricity in the future, a long term contract with Hydro Quebec is an important step forward."

(Dillon) The agreement calls for the new contract to extend from 2012 to 2038. Here are the main points: 225 megawatts of power; supplied 16 hours a day; 365 days a year. It's a firm power contract, which means Vermont utilities would be required to buy the electricity and Hydro-Quebec would have to provide it.