

LET'S NOT PRESS OUR LUCK



Vermont Yankee's aging cooling tower suffers massive collapse in August 2007

FALLING APART

A pattern of problems shows this plant is near the end of its life:

- Critical valves malfunction causing an emergency shutdown (2007)
- During the emergency shut down "automatic" systems fail to operate properly (2007)
- A cooling tower collapses after "deferred maintenance" program falls short (2007)
- 76 cracks identified in large reactor component (2005–2007)
- And there's more... www.vpirg.org

NOT LOOKING OUT FOR VERMONTERS

Vermont Yankee is owned by Entergy Corp., an \$11 billion dollar company based in Louisiana. Entergy is selling off Vermont Yankee to a limited liability corporation (LLC) that can walk away from Vermont in the case of an accident. If this LLC goes bankrupt, taxpayers will be left with the bill and the nuclear waste. In fact, after Hurricane Katrina, a related company, Entergy New Orleans, did just that: declared bankruptcy and forced taxpayers to pay a \$200 million dollar bill.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

In the early part of 2009 your legislators will vote on whether or not to allow the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant to operate past its 2012 expiration date. The plant is owned by Entergy, an \$11 billion dollar out-of-state company. To counterbalance the piles of cash Entergy has available for lobbyists and public relations spin, we need your help. Please sign the petition below to join the thousands of Vermonters who want their voices heard.

Dear Vermont Legislator,

Vermont Yankee's corporate owners want to operate their nuclear power plant for an additional 20 years beyond its scheduled closure in 2012. Shutting down this facility and replacing it with energy efficiency and renewable energy is critical to safeguard both the citizens and the environment of Vermont.

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ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME VERMONT YANKEE RETIRED?



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NEW ENGLAND PLANTS/CLOSURES

Reactor	Start-Retirement	Age
CLOSED Yankee Rowe	1960-1992	32 yrs.
CLOSED Conn. Yankee	1968-1996	28 yrs.
CLOSED Millstone 1	1970-1998	28 yrs.
CLOSED Maine Yankee	1972-1997	25 yrs.
Vermont Yankee	1972-2012	36 yrs.
Pilgrim	1972-	36 yrs.
Millstone 2	1975-	33 yrs.
Millstone 3	1986-	22 yrs.
Seabrook 1	1990-	18 yrs.

Source:
http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/nuclear/page/nuc_reactors/reactsum.html

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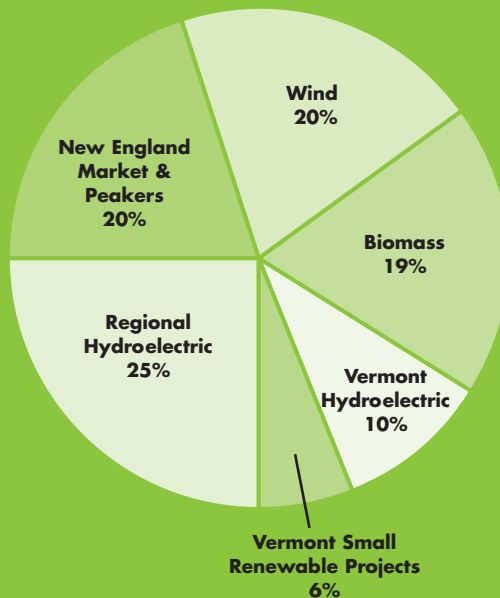


Consider these facts:

- Vermont Yankee (VY) was built to run 40 years and its expiration date is 2012
- The plant's design is so outdated, it would not be allowed to be built today
- Most of the plants built before VY have already been shut down
- Pushing the old plant beyond its limits, VY is running at 120% of its designed capacity

Vermont Yankee's corporate owners want to run the plant 20 years past its 2012 expiration date. The Vermont legislature has the power to say no, enough is enough.

**THIS COULD BE VERMONT'S
ENERGY FUTURE IN 10 YEARS**



Results from a comprehensive public engagement process run by the Vermont Department of Public Service show Vermonters want their power to come from clean and safe energy sources.

- 98% of Vermonters support increasing the amount of electricity we get from renewable energy
- 90% of Vermonters support wind farms in Vermont
- 84% of Vermonters support increased funding for energy efficiency
- 89% of Vermonters believe that it is important or critically important (59%) that we reduce our radioactive waste

**WITH REAL LEADERSHIP,
WE COULD BE EVEN
GREENER IN 20 YEARS!**

HOW TO REPLACE VERMONT YANKEE'S POWER

Conservation & energy efficiency	14%
2 new woodchip plants (2 already in discussion)	+35%
10 new wind farms (3 already in discussion)	+54%
Smaller scale renewable energy from farm methane, landfill methane, solar power, small wind & small hydro	+10%
Total — possible replacement power	= 113%

