



## VERMONT YANKEE vs. A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Vermonters face a critical decision on our energy future: Vermont Yankee, the state's sole nuclear power plant, is scheduled to close down on 2012.

The Vermont Legislature is considering whether or not to grant a 20 year license extension to continue operation of the plant through 2032.

**Choices about our energy future** that shape our energy supply for generations **will be made in the next few months**. Legislators will have to decide between Yankee and a clean energy future.

- Vermont Yankee is one of the oldest nuclear power plants in the country (37 years old), and it was designed to run for 40 years. The plant is so outdated, it would not be allowed to be built today, and most reactors from its era have already closed.
- The plant is operating at 120% of the capacity it was designed for.
- In the last few years the plant's cooling tower collapsed, there have been at least three separate radioactive leaks, and radiation emissions have exceeded legal limits.
- Relying on Vermont Yankee has blocked real progress on renewable energy development in the state. Once Vermont Yankee closes, our utilities will have an immediate incentive to look for alternatives.
- We can replace the energy we get from Vermont Yankee with cleaner, renewable energy sources and better efficiency, generating over 3,000 green collar jobs.
- Developing renewable energy in Vermont will grow local business, putting more money into our state economy.

**The choice is yours! Ask your legislators to close down Vermont Yankee and support local, sustainable energy.**

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