

WE HAVE A CHOICE

OUR ENERGY FUTURE



"A green, renewable energy economy isn't some pie-in-the-sky, far-off future. It is now."

— President Barack Obama

THE NEW ENERGY FUTURE WILL NOT WAIT

President Obama is calling for a new energy economy that depends on clean, domestic, renewable power. And he's backing it up with real investment — \$150 billion for clean energy development, big incentives for plug-in hybrid cars, and an overhaul in efficiency programs in every state.

But Vermont is falling behind. While other states are taking advantage of Obama's incentives and developing new wind farms and biomass facilities, we are still depending on Vermont Yankee and other old, dirty power sources for almost half of our electricity. Vermont's legislature must vote in the next few months on whether to develop a new energy economy as the President suggests — or lock Vermont into another 20 years of dependence on Vermont Yankee.

VERMONTERS FACE A CLEAR CHOICE FOR OUR ENERGY FUTURE:

Choose Vermont Yankee:

- Run one of the world's oldest nuclear reactors 20 years past its shut down date
- Create radioactive waste for our children to dispose of
- Stall our investment in renewable energy



OR Choose Renewable Energy:

- Create jobs that put Vermonters to work, producing the electricity Vermonters want
- Build Vermont's economic future and energy security with local renewable generation
- Leave our children a cleaner environment

Our legislature will soon make this choice between Vermont Yankee or a renewable energy future. They've heard from Vermont Yankee's lobbyists, now they need to hear from you.

CALL YOUR LEGISLATOR:

Call 802-223-8421 x 4098 and ask for your legislator's phone number and make the call today!



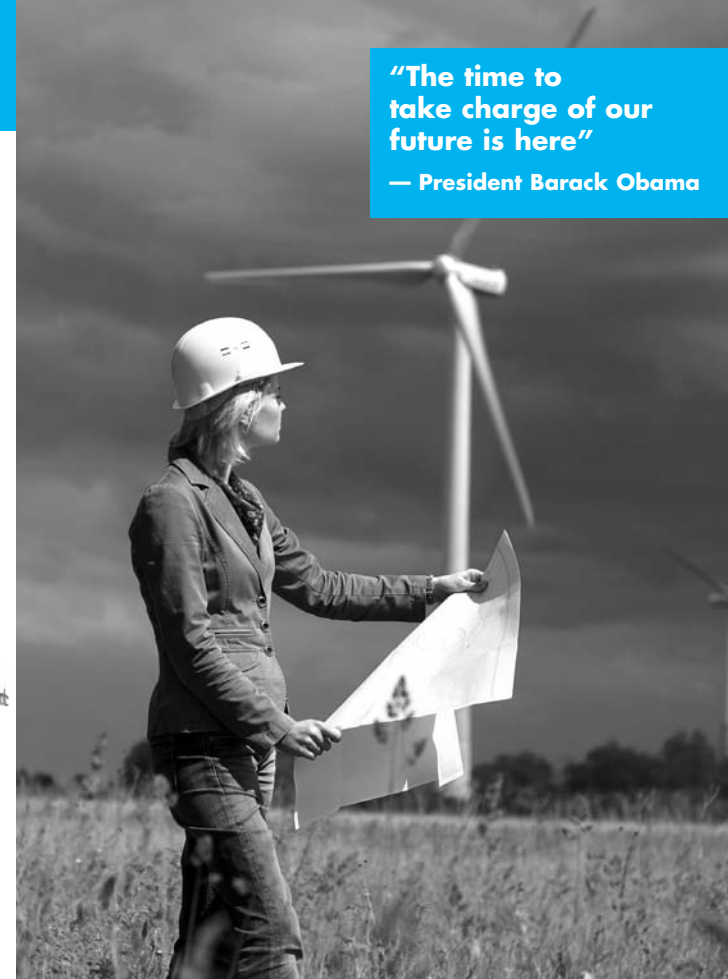
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"The time to take charge of our future is here"

— President Barack Obama



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JOBS

A Vermont study concluded that we could generate over **3,000 good paying jobs** by switching to clean, local renewable energy and efficiency to meet the majority of our electricity needs.¹



ECONOMY

Developing renewable energy in Vermont will let local green business grow, put more money in our local economy and **produce twice as much revenue** for Vermont's education fund as **Vermont Yankee**.²

ENVIRONMENT

Repowering Vermont with clean energy would **cut Vermont's global warming pollution in half** and eliminate the production of radioactive waste.³

¹ Council on Rural Economic Development, August 2008.

² *Repowering Vermont*, VPIREF, Spring 2009.

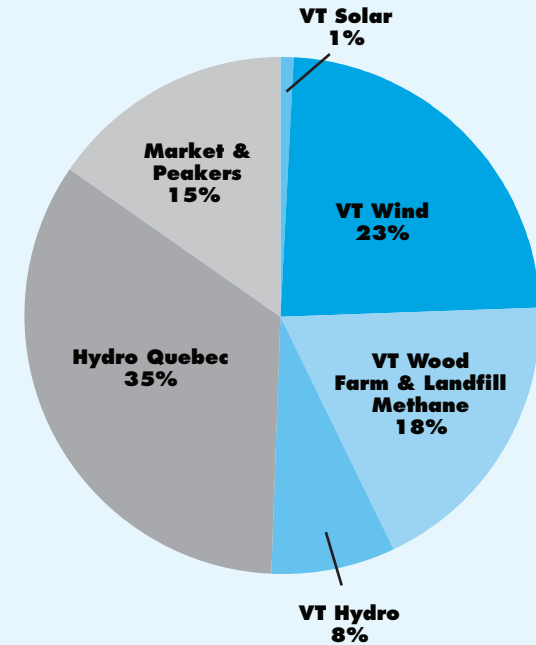
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Responsibly cited wind turbines combined with electricity produced on our farms and from sustainably harvested wood will provide Vermonters with at least half of our electricity within the next ten years.

Vermont Yankee could be replaced immediately. Clean energy resources are being developed in Vermont and all of our neighboring states. In New England today, where Vermont Yankee is only 2% of the electric capacity, there is excess power to meet our needs.

The way we produce and use electricity is undergoing a revolution. Vermont can choose to lead the way or repeat past mistakes that will cost future generations.

Repowering Vermont's Electricity Sector



REPOWER THE FUTURE...

OR REPEAT PAST MISTAKES



VERMONT YANKEE: BUILT TO CLOSE IN 2012

It's already created radioactive waste and a billion dollar clean up that future generations of Vermonters will have to deal with. Do we really want the burden of more waste and risk?

- 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.
- The plant's design is so outdated, that it would not be allowed to be built today, and most reactors built at the same time have already been closed.
- This winter two independent inspections concluded that Yankee has serious reliability problems because of lax maintenance and inspections.