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- •VPIRG is Born!
- Downhill in Warren VPIRG's first report assessed the impact of ski area development on members of the community and received national attention in Time Magazine
- •VT Consumers
  Health
  Conference is
  Held: VPIRG
  sponsors the event.

- •Bottle Deposit
  Law withstands
  lobbying pressure in
  Montpelier and is
  implemented with
  VPIRG's support
- •Nothing to Smile About VPIRG reports on children's dental health in Vermont and proposes plan
- •Tooth Fairy
  Program enacted,
  ensuring proper
  dental care for all
  Vermont children
- Prescription
   Drugs: VPIRG
   issues second
   statewide
   Prescription Drug
   Survey
- •Hearing Aids for the Elderly: VPIRG publishes and distributes a Hearing Aid Buying Guide to the Elderly

- •Up in Smoke: "The Myth of Clean Air in Vermont" Report released
- •Roll Call Report: VPIRG's first annual report on legislators' voting records
- Nuclear Plant
   Construction Law
   Vermont passes the
   nation's first law
   requiring legislative
   approval for nuclear
   plant construction
- Consumer Fraud in Action VPIRG critiques the operation of the state's Consumer Fraud Division

- Frogs in the Faucet VPIRG report outlines the problems of public drinking water supplies in the state
- •Road Waste on the Roadway VPIRG reports on hazards of trucking nuclear waste across Southern Vermont
- •X-Rated: VPIRG reports on the consumer hazards of over-use of X-rays

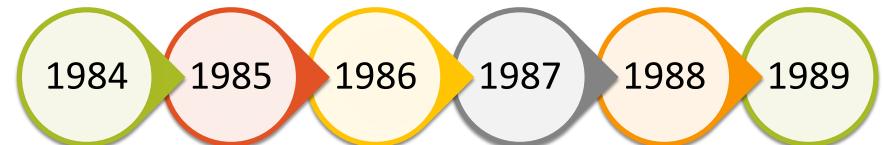
- •Williston Anti-Sprawl Coalition: VPIRG works allies with to stop the Pyramid Mall development in Williston
- Nuclear Waste
   Disposal Law
   Requires legislative
   approval prior to the
   disposal of nuclear
   waste in Vermont



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- •Generic Drug Law passed, which requires pharmacists to substitute low cost generic drug equivalents
- •Dioxin White
  Paper pushes
  Pesticide Advisory
  Council to eliminate
  use of some
  herbicides with
  dioxin by-products
- •Utility
  Advertising Law
  requires
  shareholders, not
  ratepayers, to pay
  for utilities' lobbying
  and political
  advertising
- •The Final
  Shutdown White
  paper on
  decommissioning of
  Vermont Yankee
  argues for state
  planning to deal with
  the costs of plant
  decommissioning
- •Certificate of Need: Passage of the VPIRG-supported health cost containment bill ensures scrutiny of need and cost effectiveness for proposed health care facility expansions
- Uranium Mining Ban requires legislative approval before uranium mining can take place in Vermont
- •Endangered
  Species Bill
  Strengthens
  Vermont's
  endangered species
  law and qualifies the
  state for federal
  funds for
  endangered species
  protection
- •Guide to Hazards in the Workplace reports on toxic exposures on the job
- •VT Clean Air
  Coalition: VPIRG
  forms group with
  state allies to push
  for passage of strong
  federal clean air
  legislation
- •More Road Waste on the Roadway exposes secret plan to ship nuclear waste through Vermont, which leads to nuclear waste transport restrictions in Vermont
- •Conservation
  Loan Program
  establishes new law
  allowing VHFA to set
  up low-interest loan
  program for
  moderate-income
  homeowners for
  energy conservation
  retrofits
- •Radioactive
  Waste Transport:
  Bans 14 Vermont
  communities restrict
  the transport of
  nuclear waste
  through their towns
  following VPIRG's
  discovery of secret
  nuclear shipments
- Regulation of Herbicide Spraying Vermont issues improved notification requirements for spraying utility rights-of-way





- •New Car Lemon
  Law VPIRG initiative
  protects new car
  buyers from having
  to absorb the costs
  of defective new
  automobiles
- •No Rate Hike
  Continental
  Telephone
  withdraws rate hike
- •Mini-Superfund
  Law: Taxes industry

generating toxic materials to clean waste and help handle toxics emergencies

•Community
Right-To-Know
Law: Citizens and

Law: Citizens and local officials can get information about toxics used in their communities

• Defeat of High Level Radioactive Waste Dump VPIRG leads the charge and defeats federal DOE plans to site a national nuclear waste dump in Vermont

- •Non-Pesticide
  Alternatives for
  Rights-of-Way
  Public Service Board
  allows residents to
- prevent utilities from spraying pesticides under powerlines near their homes
- Expanded Tooth Fairy Program: More Vermonters covered under this innovative program
- •Vermont Lifeline Rates Law: Expands assistance to maintain phone

Expands assistance to maintain phone services for lowincome & elderly Vermonters

- •Vicon Electric
  Rate Hike
  Defeated VPIRG
  successfully
  challenges attempt
  to pass through
  exorbitant rates
  from Rutland's Vicon
  incinerator and
  saves CVPS
  customers \$46
  million
- •Comprehensive Solid Waste & Recycling Law emphasizes waste reduction and recycling throughout the state

- •Bottle Bill Law
  Expands to Liquor
  Increasing recycling
  to include wine
  coolers, liquor
  bottles and juice
  hottles
- •Energy Efficiency and Least-Cost Planning: VPIRG initiative leads to Public Service Board investigation of energy saving programs

Ozone Protection

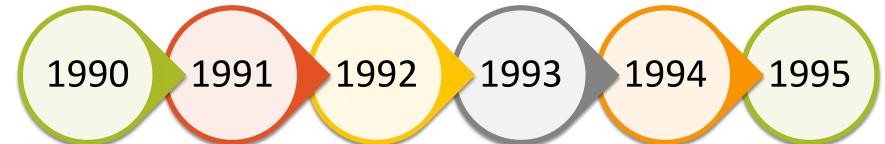
Law bans major uses of ozonedepleting CFCs in auto air conditioners and other uses

Vermont Yankee Economic Study:

Finds that early shutdown of Vermont Yankee could save ratepayers up to \$1 billion

•Toxics Release Report Inventories release of 4 million pounds of toxics per year in Vermont, suggests programs to reduce toxic use





- •Global Warming Strategies for Vermont Report details how Vermont should respond to global warming
- •Ban on
  Unregulated
  Disposal of
  Nuclear Waste
  Protects Vermont
  from new federal
  rules to exempt
  some radioactive
  wastes from
  regulation and allow
  disposal in municipal
  landfills
- •Toxics Use
  Reduction
  Innovative VPIRG
  initiative creates
  program for industry
  to reduce toxic
  hazards in Vermont
- •Paint & Battery Laws require manufacturers to be responsible for the removal of these hazardous products from the waste stream
- Energy Efficiency Law sets efficiency standards for light bulbs and state buildings
- Fair Credit

  Reporting Law
  requires credit
  reporting agencies in
  Vermont to provide
  consumers with one
  free copy of their
  credit report per
  year and protects
  consumer privacy by
  requiring consumer
  permission prior to
  the release of a
  personal credit
  history
- •Clean Air: VPIRG initiatives to reduce air pollution and to monitor the levels of toxic air pollution are established
- •Vicon Incinerator Shut Down in Rutland, a major VPIRG victory
- •Lead Poisoning Prevention Law Calls for screening and testing for Vermont children under age six and establishes lead abatement training programs
- Powering
   Vermont VPIRG's
   campaign for clean
   energy airs a half hour film on Public
   Access TV,
   addressing clean
   energy concerns
- •Incinerator Block
  The state places a 5year moratorium on
  the construction &
  licensing of trash
  incinerators.
- •EPA Grant VPIRG Cleanup Oversight: VPIRG studies the health and environmental effects of the Browning-Ferris Superfund site in Rockingham

- •rBGH Labeling
  Law Defended &
  Implemented
  Requires all dairy
  products produced
  using synthetic
  bovine growth
  hormone to carry
  consumer labels
- •VPIRG Warns of Mercury Pollution
  As a result of publicity generated in part by VPIRG,
  L.A. Gear agreed to a voluntary recall of sneakers containing a mercury switch to activate flashing lights



1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001

### VPIRG Poll:

Movement for Electoral Reform Supported. VPIRG commissions a poll conducted by the University of Vermont Center for Rural Studies and finds strong support for reform

### • Utility Restructuring

VPIRG intervenes in one of the biggest cases ever to protect Vermont's residential ratepayers and the environment

- Campaign Finance
  Reform Law: VPIRG
  instigates legislation
  which limits
  campaign spending,
  reduces the size of
  campaign
  contributions, limits
  out-of-state money
  and holds candidates
  accountable for
  independent
  expenditures spent
  on their behalf
- Aerial Spraying of Herbicides Banned for forestry purposes, VPIRG supported bill signed into law.

 Mercury Labeling and Recycling Law

VPIRG-supported Law requires municipalities to provide for recycling mercury-containing products, bans disposal in landfills

- Medical Waste Disposal: VPIRG shuts down an unsafe medical waste disposal facility
- Frog Survey VPIRG members find deformed frogs in 30 of the 60 Vermont towns surveyed

•Energy Efficiency Utility Law:

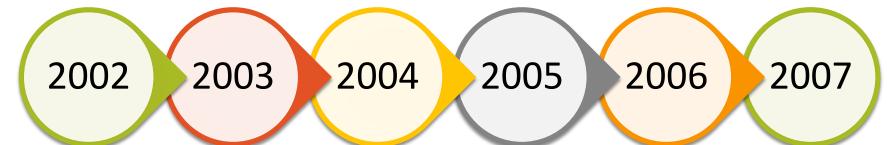
Nation's first utility created to reduce power consumption

- Factory Farm Coalition VPIRG leads coalition to promote family farming by regulating factory farms
- Spreading of Toxic Sludge in Vermont Report shows polluting practices & suggests solutions
- No rBGH: VPIRG instigates campaign to get rBGH-induced milk out of schools

- Healthy Schools
  Bill VPIRG initiative
  to reduce and
  eliminate toxic
  exposures of
  children in school
  environments is
  passed
- First Annual
  Pesticide-Free
  Lawn Campaign In
  support of healthy
  lawn care for healthy
  communities, VPIRG
  distributes lawn
  signs announcing
  "You can touch my
  grass! No toxic
  chemicals used to
  maintain this lawn"
- •Let the Swimmer Beware: Report shows on inadequate beach water testing
- Public Eye: VPIRG hosts videotaped coverage of State House events on website
- WildernessPreservation

Summer Canvass collects 9,000 signatures to support Wilderness in the Green Mountain National Forest





- Tobacco Tax Raised to restore cuts to state health care budget & discourage teenage smoking
- Hidden Hazards
   VPIRG report
   exposes toxins in
   polymer clays &
   children's exposure
   levels released
   nationally
- Campaign Finance Reform Law: US Court of Appeals upholds major provisions of landmark 1997 Vermont law

- VPIRG Activists
  Set Record: For
  most emails sent to
  the Public Service
  Board supporting
  increase in Efficiency
  Vermont funding.
- Mercury Crisis in Vermont Fish VPIRG report states that mercury contamination is at record levels at majority of fishing spots in Vermont
- Clean Energy for Vermont Report published, showing that by 2025, VT could provide most of its energy needs with renewables & increased efficiency

- Prescription
   Importation Bill
   Signed Vermont
   joins a group of
   several states whose
   citizens can purchase
   prescription drugs
   from Canada.
- Vermont Senate
   Passes Clean
   Power Act: It works to increase clean local power generation while decreasing overall VT energy usage.
- Smoke-Free
  Workplaces
  Extended the ban on smoking to include bars and private clubs.
- Campaign Finance Loophole Closed: Previous regulations allowed certain independent expenditures to go unregulated. New regulations state that anyone that raises \$500+ to influence the outcome of an election must file a report with the Secretary of State.
- •International
  Paper Begins
  Burning Scrap
  Tires. VPIRG
  succeeds in shutting
- Nukes Need State Approval: VT becomes the only state to require a nuclear power plant to seek approval from state legislators before extending its

it down in five days.

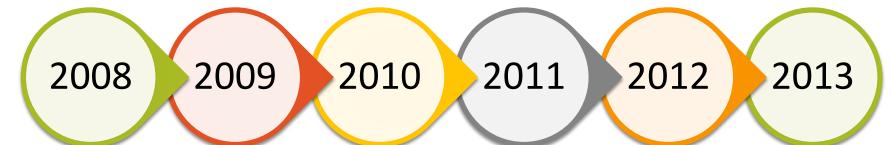
operating agreement
The "Deliberative
Process Privilege"
for executive officials
in Vermont is
removed, ensuring
further transparency

in state government

- •Scoring
  Catamount
  Health: "Examining
  Vermont's Progress
  Toward an Equitable
  Health System"
  released, First in a
  series of scorecards
  to evaluate the
  effectiveness of the
  Catamount Health
- •VPIRG Hosts Event on Phthalates, inspiring legislation to address the threat.

Program.





Mammogram
Access: Vermont
passes a bill to
ensure that no
resident will have to

Affordable

ensure that no resident will have to pay more than \$25 out of pocket for a screening mammogram

- VPIRG Appointed to Represent the Public Interest on the Vermont (Electric) System Planning Committee, and was named as a member of Efficiency Vermont's Advisory Board.
- VPIRG Releases a Report on BPA: It draws attention to the common chemical linked to reproductive and developmental disorders.
- •Nuke Vote Blocked! Vermont legislature is blocked from voting on a twenty year extension of Vermont Yankee's operating license
- Waterways
   Protections
   Increased
   Legislation passed supporting stricter control over junk yards in Vermont

- •Retire VY As Planned! Vermont State Senate votes to retire Vermont Yankee when its license expires in 2012
- •VPIRG Energy is launched. It will go on to become SunCommon, bringing affordable solar power to Vermont's residents.
- Obama

   administration

   Follows Vermont's

   Lead Announces
   new standards for
   automobile fuel
   economy and global
   warming emissions.

- •VPIRG in the State House: Staff invited to speak at 5 separate bill signing events – the most in VPIRG history
- Entergy Nuclear Tries for a "Do-Over" Vote in the legislature regarding Vermont Yankee. It is blocked.

Clean Energy Bill
Passed eliminates
subsidies for heating
oil. Lets Vermonters
sell their generated
clean energy back to
the utilities for a fair
price. Removes
upfront costs to
home energy
improvements.

- Don't Frack
  Vermont: Vermont
  becomes the first
  state in the country
  to ban fracking.
- •VPIRG Launches its Fellows
  Program: Recent college graduates gain opportunities to hone their skills and develop leadership experience.
- •Vermont Yankee
  Does Not Close. A
  Judge rules that the
  legislature did not
  have the authority to
  vote for the plants
  closure. Decision
  moves to the Public
  Service Board.

•VT Senate Guts Bad Legislation. Legislation aimed at blocking renewable energy development

in the state is gutted.

• GMO Labelling
Vermont House of
Representatives
passes historic
legislation to protect
your right to know if
your food contains
genetically modified
organisms



2014 2015 2016 2017

- •Vermont Yankee is Closed!
  The nuclear power plant,
  brought online the same year as
  VPIRG's birth, is finally shut
  down
- Energy Independent Vermont is Launched: VPIRG begins its work to put a price on carbon pollution
- Vermont Wins Round 1 of its GMO-labeling lawsuit: A judge rejects the food companies' plea to stop Vermont's labeling law from moving forward.
- Same-Day Voter Registration Passed: State passes legislation allowing its residents to register to vote on Election Day.

**Microbeads Banned** from beauty products in the state

Climate Change is Real. Vermont formally recognizes climate change as a threat. Protecting our Pollinators:

Vermont passes legislation to protect pollinators by giving the state the authority to take action against treated article pesticides such as coated seeds.

#### **Automatic Voter**

**Registration:** Vermonters are automatically registered as voters when they renew their license, unless they specifically decline to do so.

• VPIRG Launches Vermont

**Fights Back:** Following the Election of President Donald Trump, VPIRG launches a campaign against the multipronged attach on the public interest coming from D.C.

•Best. Canvass. Ever. VPIRG holds its most successful canvass to date, visiting every Vermont town, hiring 127 young people, and knocking on over 110,000 doors.

We couldn't accomplish all of this without your support.

Thank you for standing with VPIRG.

Here's to 45 more years, and then some!