

**In Vermont  
OUR VOICES COUNT**  
Make sure your concerns about  
Entergy's VT Yankee nuclear power plant  
are heard!



**TODAY**  
**Monday, November 19**  
**PSB Hearing #2**  
**7 pm**

**find the site nearest to you below**

**Docket #7862 Public Hearing**

In Re: Amended Petition of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., for amendment of their Certificate of Public Good and other approvals required under 30 [V.S.A.](#) § 231(a) for authority to continue after March 21, 2012, operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, including the storage of spent nuclear fuel --- ([Public Notice](#))

We need your help to pack these hearings!!

Let the PSB know:

1. We support Vermont's democratic process

2. Vermont's energy future is still Vermont's choice
3. Citizens from around the region – citizen's from all walks of life -- continue to be concerned about VY's unreliability, economic burden and high environmental costs not to mention the partnership with the Entergy corporation.
4. VT Yankee should NOT receive a Certificate of Public Good (CPG).  
For more facts read the Nine Good Reasons to Shut VT Yankee attachment

VY is 6 months older and in these last 6 months Entergy has done nothing to improve VT Yankee's reliability.

Urge the PSB not to issue a certificate of Public Good to Entergy's VT Yankee.

Help the PSB decide:

- whether this rogue corporation continues to do business in Vermont
- whether Entergy can continue to leak and lie.
- whether Vermont Yankee can continue to dump its hot water in the Connecticut River.
- whether Vermont becomes home to a nuclear high level waste dump.
- whether the reactor site is responsibly cleaned up

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VT ITV sites:

Bennington - Senior Citizen's Service Center, 124  
Pleasant Street

Brattleboro - Brattleboro Union High School, 131  
Fairground Road, Room 125

Johnson - Johnson State College, Bentley Hall, Room  
211

Lyndonville - Lyndon State College, 1001 College Road  
Middlebury - Hannaford Career Center, 51 Charles  
Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Montpelier - Vermont Department of Labor, 5 Green  
Mountain Drive  
Newport - North Country Union High School, 209  
Veterans Avenue  
Randolph Center - Vermont Technical College, VIT  
Studio, Morrill Hall  
Rutland - Stafford Technical Center, 8 Stratton Road,  
Room 108  
Springfield - Howard Dean Education Center, 307  
South Street, 2nd Floor  
St. Albans - Bellows Free Academy, 4 Hospital Drive  
White River Junction - Community College of Vt, CCV  
Upper Valley, 145 Billings Farm Rd.  
Williston - Blair Park, 451 Lawrence Place

**IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THE  
HEARINGS TONIGHT  
SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO:**

**Vermont Public Service  
Board  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701**

**Docket #7862  
or call: 802-2358  
or email:**

**[psb.clerk@state.vt.us](mailto:psb.clerk@state.vt.us)**

**It is OF UTTER IMPORTANCE THAT THE PSB  
SEE and HEAR FROM VERMONTERS  
and people around the region!!!**

**LET'S SHOW THE PSB AND VT THAT WE STILL  
WANT  
VT YANKEE SHUT DOWN!**

**Background information:**

- When Entergy bought Vermont Yankee, they signed a contract stating VT Yankee could only operate for 8 years and the plant would need to get permission from the state to operate past its closure date. Now Entergy is going back on its word.
- In 2010 Vermont's state legislature (as per Act 160) voted not to offer a Certificate of Public Good for Entergy's Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. Entergy sued the state even though they signed a contract that stated they would abide by Vermont's law and decisions concerning Vermont Yankee.
- Vermont 's Certificate of Public Good ran out

on March 22, 2012. Entergy is operating Vermont Yankee on borrowed time.

- Judge Murtha court decision stripped Vermont's right to determine its democratic processes via the legislature. However, the decision kept intact the Vermont Public Service Board's process to determine the public good of a utility. Entergy does not like this part of Judge Murtha's decision. They do not want PSB to determine whether or not Vermont Yankee is issued a Certificate of Public Good (CPG). We support the Public Service Board's right to determine the decision regarding the Certificate of Public Good. It is part of Vermont's democratic process.

- The continued operation of Vermont Yankee is not a public good. Vermont Yankee's leaks and Entergy's lies are not in the public good. Let the PSB know you do not want them to issue Entergy's Vermont Yankee a CPG

- Entergy is not a reliable business partner:
  - they are violating the contract they signed in 2002 line by line
  - they are not a trustworthy business partner for Vermont
  - Vermont Yankee continues to leak and Entergy continues to lie
  - Vermont Yankee continues to pollute the Vermont environment. The most recent offense is thermal pollution of the Connecticut River caused by the discharge of heated water

- We are not going away until Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant is decommissioned

with a greenfield

Read more about the hearings, the case, and interactive TV locations at the state's website: <<http://psb.vermont.gov/docketsand%20projects/electric/7862>

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## **NINE GOOD REASONS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD TO REJECT ENTERGY'S CPG REQUEST**

There are good reasons for the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) to reject Entergy's CPG request that don't deal with safety. It is important **that** the PSB hear from citizens in the tri-state community about these concerns and why Vermont Yankee's (VY) continued operation is not in Vermont's best interest.

1. Reliability: Entergy is not a good corporate citizen. It is a corporation that cannot be trusted. Entergy may have run Vermont Yankee at 100% power but they did so while tritium leaked into the ground water. Entergy has lied under oath on numerous occasions. It delayed maintenance leading to a cooling tower collapse. This rogue corporation is a bad apple. 2. Lack of Economic Benefit: There is little benefit to VY's continued operation. In March 2012 all power contracts between Entergy and Vermont utilities ended. In other words, Vermont has not bought any energy from Vermont Yankee since March 2010. Green Mountain Power and CVPS now have long-term contracts with Hydro Quebec and Seabrook because they offered lower rates than Entergy.

3. Mountain of Waste: Vermont has the highest per capita amount of commercial high-level waste than any other state. And, Entergy wants to store another 20 years worth of waste at VY for an indefinite period of time without a

solution for the high-level waste already stored onsite in its fuel pool and dry cask storage. The nuclear industry and the federal government haven't solved the nuclear waste crisis in the first 60 years of nuclear power. It is unlikely a solution will be found in the next 60 years. In the meantime, who will bear the economic responsibility for storing and monitoring this gigantic waste problem?

4. Thermal Pollution: Entergy routinely pollutes the Connecticut River to cool the VY reactor. It releases hundreds of millions of gallons of water with temperatures up to 105 degrees. This has harmed and degraded the river's ecosystem and fish populations downstream. Recent studies raise serious questions about Entergy's limited analysis of its effect on the river.

5. Economics of Evacuation: Given the Fukushima disaster and its far ranging and unforeseen consequences the potential for the expansion of the evacuation radius could cause undo financial hardship on the state and local communities.

6. Green Energy Future: Vermont's commitment to a sustainable energy future does not include Vermont Yankee. Sustainability is not synonymous with millions of curies of high-level waste stored for an indefinite period of time on the banks of the Connecticut River. Talk about nuclear power's "carbon free footprint" is just talk and has no relevance to Vermont Yankee's continued operation.

7. Jobs: Vermont Yankee employs about 250 Vermonters; the rest of its workers live in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Given that the continued operation of VY is not in the best interests of the state of Vermont nor its citizenry, VY workers are rightly concerned for their jobs. We are calling for an immediate and just transition for *all VY workers who will be displaced when VY is decommissioned*. VY will need experienced workers to help decommission the plant (which will take years to accomplish). As well, Vermont increasingly invests and supports other energy development from which new jobs will be created. Many studies point to greater job creation through sustainable energy solutions than from nuclear.

8. Mismanaged and Inadequate Decommissioning Fund: The Vermont Yankee decommissioning fund does not currently have enough money to clean up the contaminated site because Entergy chose not to adequately invest in the fund to which it contractually committed. How can the state trust a corporation that, after 10 years of ownership, doesn't have adequate cleanup funds to have the funds available in the next 20 years? If Entergy does not live up to its funding commitment Vermont and Vermonters will be stuck with the multi-million dollar bill. Remember ENRON?

9. Broken Promises: The Entergy corporation cannot be trusted to live up to any

agreements it makes with the state. In 2002 when Entergy bought Vermont Yankee, it signed a contract with stipulations that Entergy would abide by legislative and PSB decisions and decisions. When the Vermont legislature voted not to offer VY a Certificate of Public Good as per Act 160 in 2010, Entergy sued the state. This corporation is shredding the very contract it signed with the state line by line. As well, it has sued the state a second time over taxes the state has the right to charge. This is a rogue corporation with which the state should not do business.

**For more information:**

**Citizens Awareness Network: [www.nukebusters.org](http://www.nukebusters.org) [413 339 5781](tel:4133395781)**

**or [802 767 9131](tel:8027679131)**

**Vermont Yankee Decommissioning**

**Alliance**

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