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TO: Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee
✓ Vermont Public Service Board / *Dept of Public Service*
Senator John Campbell, President Pro Tempore, Vermont Senate
Representative Shap Smith, Speaker, Vermont House of Representatives
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM: Safe & Green Campaign

SUBJECT: **Letters from Town Selectboards *re* Closure and
Decommissioning of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station**

DATE: March 11, 2011

We have been asked to forward to you the enclosed letters from selectboards in Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire towns in close proximity to the Vermont Yankee nuclear power station in Vernon, Vermont. The letters are from the following towns:

Buckland, MA	New Salem, MA
Colrain, MA	Putney, VT
Dummerston, VT	Richmond, NH
Gill, MA	Westminster, VT
Leverett, MA	Winchester, NH
Marlboro, VT	Warwick, MA
Montague, MA	Wendell, MA

At least six other town selectboards in the tri-state area, as far as we know, will be considering sending you similar letters within the next couple months.

For those not familiar with selectboards and/or the Safe & Green Campaign, the former constitute the governing bodies of most New England towns and are usually comprised of three or five elected members. The latter is a three-year-old, non-profit, and largely volunteer, citizens environmental group based in the tri-state area of southeastern Vermont, northwestern Massachusetts, and southwestern New Hampshire.

All of the enclosed letters are based on, or a response to, an original draft that was prepared by the Safe & Green Campaign in consultation with five current or former selectboard members. Thus, all of the letters express similar concerns about the forthcoming closure and decommissioning of Vermont Yankees. Because the letters are not identical, we encourage you to read all of them.

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We hope you will respond to these letters by writing directly to each of the above-named town selectboards. However, if you prefer, you may send a response to the Safe & Green Campaign and we will mail it to each selectboard.

Thank you for your attention to the concerns raised in these letters.

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Copies of these letters have been sent to:

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (VT)
U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (VT)
U.S. Representative Peter Welch (VT)
VT Governor Peter Shumlin
VT State Senator Peter Galbraith
VT State Senator Jeanette White
VT State Representative Sarah Edwards
VT State Representative Molly Burke
VT State Representative David Dean
VT State Representative Michael Mrowicki
VT State Representative Matt Trieber
VT State Representative Richard Marek
VT State Representative Ann Manwaring
VT State Representative Carolyn Partridge

U.S. Senator Scott Brown (MA)
U.S. Senator John Kerry (MA)
U.S. Representative John Olver (MA)
MA Governor Deval Patrick
MA State Senator Stan Rosenberg
MA State Representative Steve Kulik
MA State Representative Paul Mark
MA State Representative Denise Andrews

U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen
U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte
U.S. Representative Charlie Bass
NH Governor John Lynch
NH State Senator Molly Kelly
NH State Representative William Butynski
NH State Representative Henry A. L. Parkhurst
NH State Representative Edwin O. Smith
NH State Representative Richard J. Dwinell

Windham County Regional Commission (VT)
Franklin Regional Council of Governments (MA)
Southwest Regional Planning Commission (NH)

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS**



December 14, 2010

TO: Those With Authority Over the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, including the Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM: Selectboards and Town/City Councils of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts Towns and Cities Within 20 Miles of Vermont Yankee

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Our concerns include the following:

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December 21, 2010

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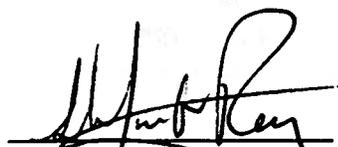
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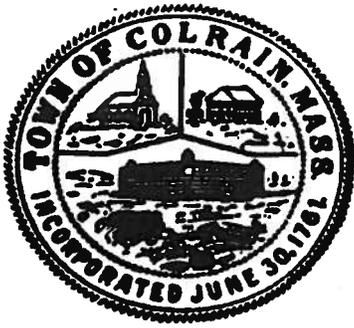
Buckland Board of Selectmen


Stefan C. Racz, Chair


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Town Where A U.S. Flag Was First Raised
Over A Public School, May, 1812

February 7, 2011

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN
OF COLRAIN

Michael J. Beausoleil, Chair



Mark A. Thibodeau



Duane L. Scranton



Town of Dummerston

1523 Middle Road East Dummerston, Vermont 05346

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for re-training for available jobs at decent wages, including jobs in the rapidly expanding "green energy" sector.

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Sincerely,



Andrew MacFarland
Chair, Dummerston Selectboard

TOWN OF GILL

MASSACHUSETTS



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DATE: February 14, 2011

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CONCERNING: Effects of the Scheduled Closure of Vermont Yankee on Workers, Residents, and the Environment of our Towns and Cities

On February 24, 2010, the Vermont Senate voted 26-4 to deny the extension of Vermont Yankee's original 40-year license that expires on March 21, 2012. The reactor is now scheduled to cease operation on or before that date. This scheduled closure is likely to affect nearby towns and cities in the tri-state area in a number of ways. Because it is the responsibility of local selectboards and town/city councils to protect and enhance the safety and well-being of our towns and cities, we are writing this letter to urge all the appropriate authorities to take whatever steps may be necessary in order to minimize negative impacts that Vermont Yankee's closure may have on its workers, local residents, and the environment.

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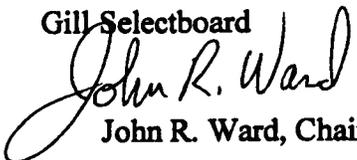
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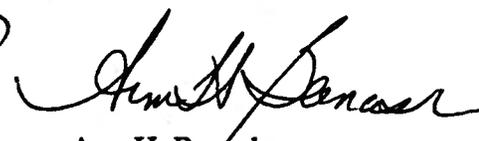
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Gill Selectboard


John R. Ward, Chair


Randy P. Crochier, Clerk


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TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

February 8, 2011

TO: Those With Authority Over the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, including the Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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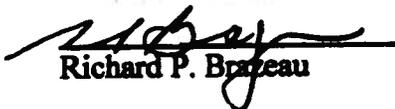
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Leverett Selectboard:


Richard P. Brazeau


Peter d'Errico


Julie Shively

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**TOWN OF MARLBORO
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November 23, 2010

TO: Those With Authority Over the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, including the Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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The Marlboro Select Board supports this letter proposed by the Safe and Green Campaign. The support is based upon the affirmative votes on two Marlboro Town Meeting articles passed in 2003 and 2009. Following is the language of the articles:

2003: Be it resolved that the voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont, request the Legislature of the State of Vermont to take action immediately to bar re-licensing of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, whose current license expires in 2012; to bar the licensing of any other nuclear generating station in the State of Vermont; and to proceed forthwith in implementing a state energy plan that relies upon renewable energy sources to supply Vermont's energy needs.

2009: The voters of the Town of Marlboro request the Vermont legislature to:

1. Recognize that the 2% of our New England region's power grid supply that is provided by Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant can be replaced with a combination of local, renewable electric and efficiency measures, along with the purchase of hydro generated electricity, and excess power already in the New England electricity market;
2. Given the viable alternatives and the risks posed by continued operation ensure that Vermont Yankee will cease operation in March, 2012 after having completed its 40 year design life by not granting approval for operation of the plant after that date and by not determining that further operation will promote the general welfare;
3. Hold the Entergy Corporation, which purchased Vermont Yankee in 2002, responsible to fully fund the plant's clean-up and decommissioning when the reactor closes, as the corporation pledged to do when it purchased Vermont Yankee.

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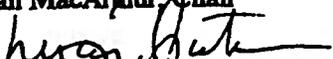
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MARLBORO SELECT BOARD



Gail MacArthur, Chair



Lucy Gratwick



Craig Hammond



**Board of Selectmen
Town of Montague**

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January 24, 2011

TO: Those With Authority Over the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, including the Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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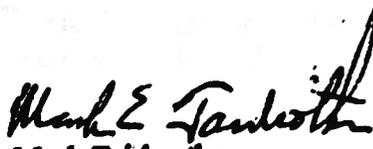
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Sincerely,

TOWN OF MONTAGUE


Patricia A. Allen


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Christopher Boutwell, Sr.

cc: Town Boards of Health within close proximity to Vermont Yankee
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Elected local, state, and federal officials representing VT, MA, and NH towns within 20 miles of Vermont Yankee



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TO: Those With Authority Over the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, including the Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM: Selectboards and Town/City Councils of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts Towns and Cities Within 20 Miles of Vermont Yankee

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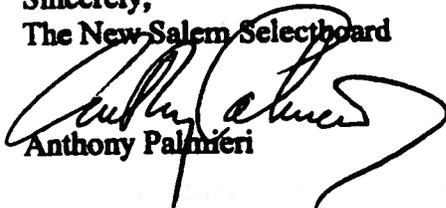
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FROM: Joshua Laughlin, Chair, R. Scott Henry, and Bradley King; Putney Selectboard

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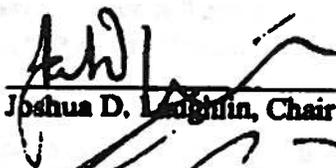
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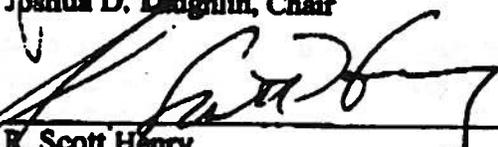
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Joshua D. Laughlin, Chair



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**TOWN OF RICHMOND
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**Mike Colomb, Site Vice President
Entergy Nuclear Northeast
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January 31, 2011

Dear Mr. Colomb:

Because the Vermont Senate voted not to extend the license for Entergy's Vermont Yankee Nuclear Facility past 2012, we are writing as neighbors within a twenty mile radius of the Vermont Yankee nuclear reactor plant to urge you to take whatever steps necessary to minimize any negative impacts that closure of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant may have on surrounding towns, your workers and the environment. You have been a good neighbor in the past and we expect nothing less if and when the facility is decommissioned.

We are confident that between now and then your vigilance and attention to maintenance and repairs of all systems associated with the reactor will continue. To minimize any possibility of accident, exposure or other risk to public health during this period, we expect you to strenuously resist any tendency to delay or cancel needed maintenance and repairs.

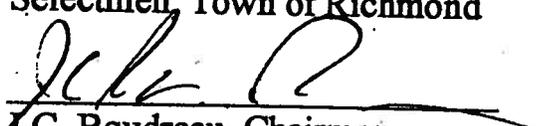
Further, we ask that the Town of Richmond be kept informed of relevant plans and decisions that might affect our town and that we are notified in advance if any radioactive components are to be moved offsite during site clean-up. We have no doubt that during this period you will have the best interests of your employees in mind to insure their continued health and safety.

**TOWN OF RICHMOND
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Enclosed please find petitions signed by thirty-four residents of Richmond, whom we represent.

Sincerely,

Selectmen, Town of Richmond


J.C. Boudreau, Chairman


Wes Vaughan


Sandra Gillis

Cc: Hon. Jeanne Shaheen, US Senator
Hon. Molly Kelly, State Senator
Hon. Richard Dwinell, State Representative
Hon. Aaron Patt, County Commissioner
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February 8, 2011

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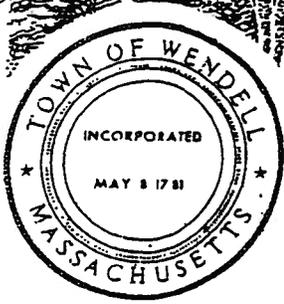
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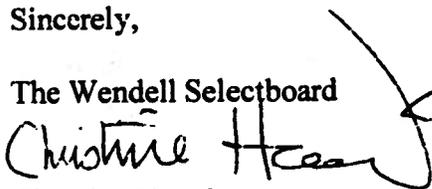
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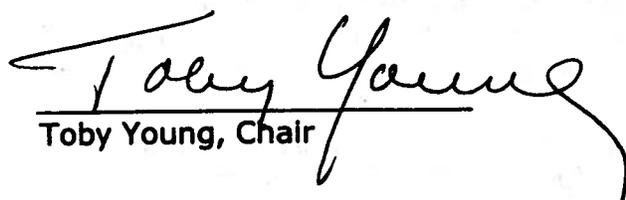
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Sincerely,

Westminster Selectboard, November 30, 2010


Toby Young, Chair



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January 5, 2011

To: Those with authority over the Vermont Yankee Nuclear power station on Vernon, including Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

From: Winchester Board of Selectmen

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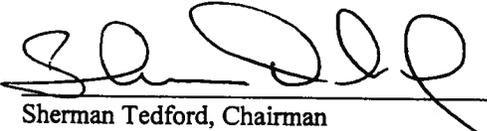
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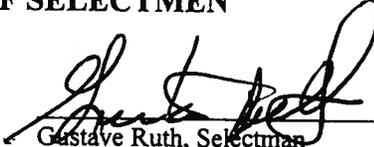
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- That during this final period, residents and officials of nearby towns and cities must be assured that there will be continued maintenance and repair of all systems associated with the reactor, coupled with inspections, monitoring and testing to minimize the possibility of an accident and ensure that people, animals and the environment are not exposed to any additional risks.
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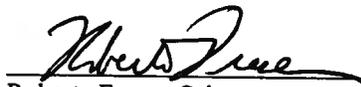
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TOWN OF WINCHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Sherman Tedford, Chairman


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2-9-11
Date Signed