



STATE OF VERMONT
SENATE CHAMBER

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David O'Brien
Commissioner, Public Service Department
State of Vermont
112 State Street
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Dear Commissioner O'Brien,

After reviewing the agenda for our November 13th Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel (VSNAP) meeting, I have compiled several questions related to the second agenda item: Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee's (ENVY) decommissioning fund. I am writing to request that you, as Chairman, forward the attached questions to ENVY in advance of the meeting. Given several days of advance notice, I expect the company to complete any research necessary to prepare, and provide our panel with comprehensive answers at our November 13th meeting.

The questions raised at our August 10th meeting, as well as the recent news of ENVY's corporate restructuring, including the spin-off of Vermont's and other nuclear power plants into SpinCo, raise new concerns about the ability of the company to decommission the Vernon site. In consultation with Senate President Pro Tem Peter Shumlin, I have developed these questions to ensure adequate oversight by our committee in the interest of Vermonters. Our intension is to protect Vermonters from any undue burdens associated with the decommissioning of the plant following it's closing in 2012 or 2032.

Thank you in advance for forwarding the attached questions to ENVY. I look forward to working with you and to listening to ENVY's frank answers when our committee convenes next week.

Sincerely,

Senator Mark MacDonald
VSNAP Member