

## **Press Alert**

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**When:** Saturday November 17th 12:30 pm

**Where:** City Hall Montpelier, VT

**What:** March and Rally, 1:00 pm March to Statehouse and Rally

### **NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE FOR VERMONT**

**VT's Energy Future Is VT's Choice - NO CPG for VT Yankee!**

A coalition of groups will hold a rally in Montpelier to support state's rights and make clear that Vermonters want Entergy to close Vermont Yankee and decommission it responsibly. The groups support the Public Service Board's right to determine Entergy's future regarding the Certificate of Public Good. It is part of Vermont's democratic process. They are also calling for the PSB's rejection of Entergy's application for the CPG.

While Entergy applied to the PSB for the CPG, it continues to reject state authority. When Entergy took the state to court over Act 160, the corporation said the state has no power to determine whether Vermont Yankee operates or not. This time they're pointing their finger at the Public Service Board (PSB). According to Vermont's democratic process and Judge Murtha's flawed ruling, the PSB determines Vermont's energy future as well as Entergy's. The Vermont state legislature (as per Act 160) voted not to offer a Certificate of Public Good for Entergy's Vermont Yankee's continued operation after its license expired in 2012. Entergy sued the state even though it signed a contract in 2002 that the corporation 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).

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. We will let the PSB know we do not want them to issue Entergy's Vermont Yankee a CPG.

The rally will be held in advance of the public comment period on November 19th, Monday, 7:00 pm; the PSB will take comments from the public via Vermont Interactive Television.

Speakers to be announced.

The rally is organized by VYDA and CAN/VCAN. Co-sponsored by SAGE Alliance, Safe and Green Campaign, VPIRG, VNRC, Sierra Club of Vermont, ISO.