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FYI: We are distributing this note to reporters this afternoon:

Entergy's special fuel rod investigation effort is proceeding with records reviews and interviews on parallel tracks.

For the interview process, Entergy has selected a team of experts in the field to conduct formal interviews of about 65 present and former employees and contractors who have been associated with spent fuel pool operations over the years.

The second part of the investigation involves reviewing pool-related documentation produced over the past 25 years. The team is reviewing more than 3,500 pool-related documents which include data on radiological controls, maintenance, fuel movement, quality assurance, fuel storage and shipping.

The portion of the investigation that involved the visual inspection of the pool is essentially completed. That work included searches with pole-mounted and crawler-mounted cameras above and below all the spent fuel storage racks as well as in empty fuel racks and other containers and storage areas. The camera search did not find any fuel rod segments.

The State of Vermont and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) are actively overseeing this project. The NRC has established a separate web page dedicated to its oversight of these activities.

Here is the link: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/plant-specific-items/vermont-yankee-issues.html>.

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PS: I will be out of the office on Friday May 14 and will return on Monday at ~2 p.m.

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