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Dear Allison

The American people demand the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant to be shut down by 2015, not placed in "safe-store" where federal regulations allow it to be mothballed for up to 60 years while its radioactive components cool down before removal. The closure is long overdue and welcomed as the right decision for Vermont and Vermont's clean energy future. Entergy's plan to close the plant over several decades is totally unacceptable, and we demand NRC to reject Entergy's plan, speed up decommissioning, require that Entergy pays the full cost, and NOT pass it on to ratepayers.



Nuclear plants have been under significant price competition due to the recent natural gas boom. Vermont Yankee, among the oldest and smallest plants in the country and located in a state with one of the nation's strongest anti-nuclear movements, must be shuttered rapidly. The nuclear plant's small slice of New England's power supply — only 2% — means the closure will have little effect on consumers. NRC is funded by taxpayers and must serve the public interest, not those of the nuclear industry.

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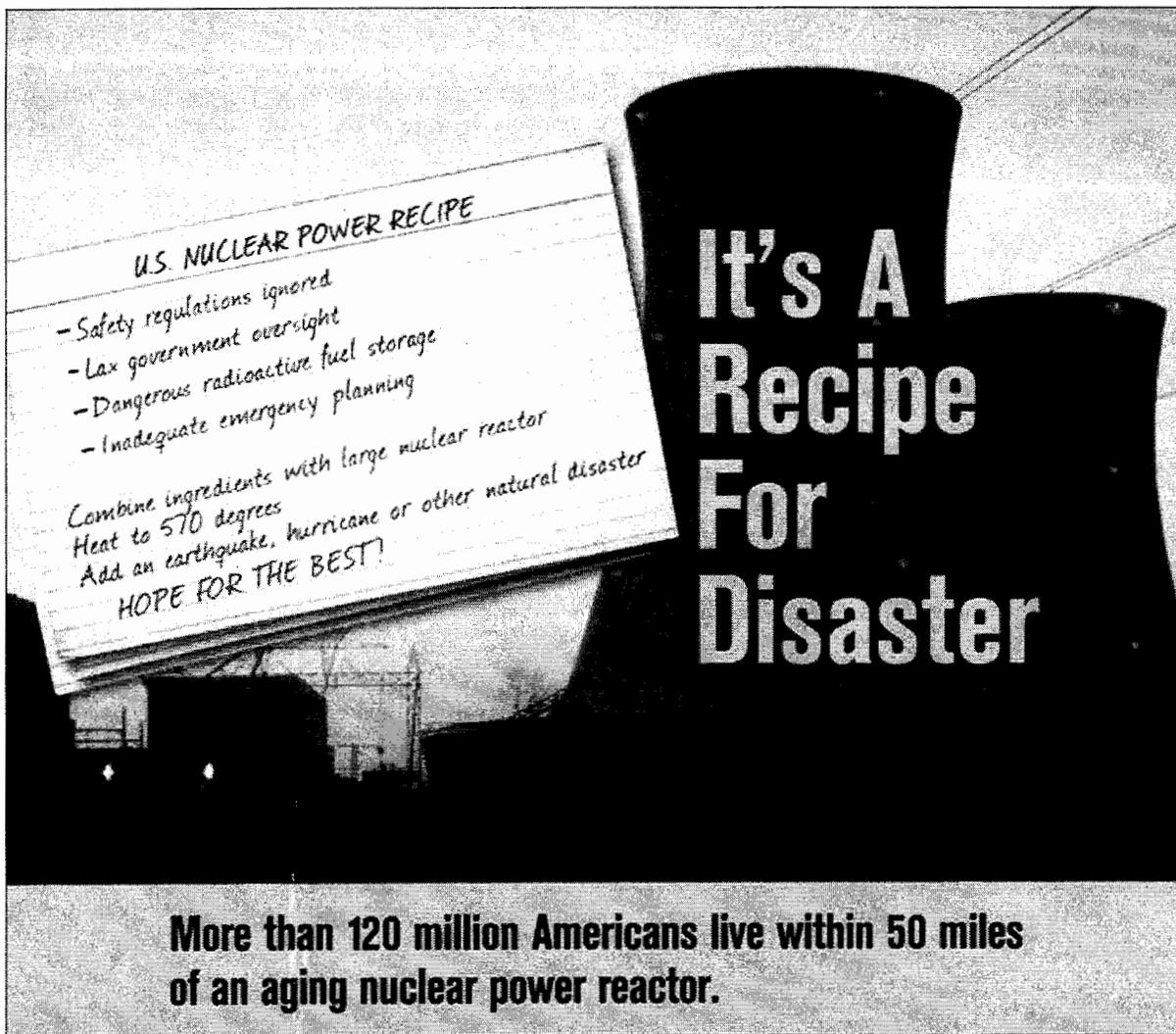
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Dear Allison

Vermont Yankee was recently relicensed to operate another two decades but Entergy spent millions in legal fees to resist Vermont's attempt to shut Yankee on safety grounds. Announcing this shutdown just 2 weeks after an apparent victory in federal court indicates the legal battle was really a holding action to protect its other reactors. The decision also opened Entergy to other challenges, especially in front of Vermont's Public Service Board (PSB). Hidden in the federal ruling Entergy ostensibly won was a confirmation that the state, through PSB, had the right to reject Vermont Yankee's continued operation on reliability, economics and more. NRC knows whassup and must serve the public by prying open Entergy's finances and operations, take proactive steps to close Entergy and other utilities' problem reactors, and not simply react to massive protests that make you lose face for leading a do-nothing NRC.



This is the fifth shutdown since 2013 began with 104 licensed reactors. NRC must accelerate other closures because Nebraska's Ft. Calhoun is still down after being flooded. Entergy's double-reactor complex at Indian Point, north of New York City, is under intense political fire. Water and other permits there and at the upstate Fitzpatrick reactor are being bitterly contested in Albany. Entergy's embattled Pilgrim reactor at Plymouth, south of Boston, recently had to reduce power due to global-warmed Cape Cod cooling water. Its **Palisades reactor on Lake Michigan has been linked to rising cancer rates, and must be closed NOW**. NRC, it's game over for nukes as 7 more proposed reactors have been canceled since January, turning the much-hyped "nuclear renaissance" into a rapidly rising rout where upgrades at 5 other reactors have also been canceled.



Entergy says Yankee's closure will add more than \$100 million to its cash flow over the next few years, **so it pays for utilities to stop fighting the public and close bad reactors.** Wisconsin's Kewaunee has been shut for financial reasons by Dominion Power. NRC, we demand full transparency because funds set aside to decommission these dying reactors may be inadequate and the process could take far longer than we are being told. With gas relatively cheap and renewables dropping in price while rising in efficiency, the financial vise is tightening around the world's remaining reactors. Germany's decision to shut its nukes and transition to renewables looms large over a technology whose credibility has been decimated by the ongoing catastrophe at Fukushima. Any talk of nuclear power being a solution for global warming has exploded with that disaster and the rapid deterioration of the US nuclear industry. As Jon Wellinghoff, chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, puts it, solar power is about to "overtake everything."



The movement to shut Vermont Yankee stretches back 4 decades, and was preceded by the 1990s closure of the nearby Yankee Rowe reactor, the cancellations of construction downwind at Seabrook Unit Two, of 2 proposed units at downriver Montague, and much, much more. NRC must join the party, serve the American people, resist all bribes and favors from nuke lobbyists, be like Germany and embrace this model for peaceful democratic social change that has cleared a visible path to a sustainable, socially just and ecologically sound planet on which your children and grandchildren could live.

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