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General Comment

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Kindly consider the following comments:

Please note my agreement with the letter written Feb 27 by nine Vermont State Representatives, including my Representative, Tristan Toleno and my State Senators, Jeanette White and Becca Balint. I incorporate here a link to that letter for reference:

<http://www.commonnews.org/site/site05/story.php?articleno=11811&page=1#.VQI4qHzF98E>

Items from that letter worth repeating include:

- the need for the federal waste fund to pay for infrastructure and support of emergency personnel
- the need for higher quality casks for storage as used in Europe and Japan; and,
- the need to remove waste from the spent-fuel pools prior to 2019

Additionally, with respect to funding, the NRC ought to require Energy VY and its partners to fully fund decommissioning, keeping in mind that it enjoyed a monetary benefit, as the federal government assumed the role of its insurer during the plant's operation. That benefit should be considered in assessing where the funds

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will come from to perform a prompt and satisfactory decommissioning.

Finally, rather than deferring full decommissioning to future generations, we should look on the plant's closure as an opportunity to develop best practices. Note, in this regard, that "As Germany gradually shuts down its civilian reactors and other nuclear facilities . . . 'the market for dismantling services is becoming increasingly more attractive,' according to a recent statement from the finance ministry." http://www.german-times.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=43215&Itemid=241

We have the opportunity to do better; let's not squander it.