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At Vermont Yankee hearing, Public Service Board urged to consider comprehensive studies and findings

In conjunction with a public hearing to be held tonight, the Vermont Energy Partnership urges the Vermont Public Service Board to consider the consistently favorable findings about the reliability and environmental impact of Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. For example, on June 22, 2010, a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission panel, after evaluating more than 6,000 hours of inspection-related activity, determined that in 2009 "Entergy operated the plant safely and in a manner that preserved public health and safety and protected the environment."

As part of the exhaustive federal license renewal process, which involved a comprehensive scientific and engineering examination over more than two years, the independent safety experts at the U.S. Nuclear Commission also determined the plant was safe. Vermont Yankee also benefits the state by reducing emissions that would otherwise be generated by fossil fuels.

The Vermont Energy Partnership (www.vtep.org) is a diverse group of more than 90 business, labor, and community leaders committed to finding clean, affordable and reliable electricity solutions. Its mission is to educate policy makers, the media, businesses, and the general public about why electricity is imperative for prosperity, and about the optimal solutions to preserve and expand our electricity network. Entergy, owner of Vermont Yankee, is a member of the Vermont Energy Partnership.

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