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Hi Tony,

Please add the following statement to the FNWPC materials if you have not already done so. Thank you.
Schuyler GouldBrattleboro

To: NDCAP
From: Schuyler Gould
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Everyone here today I think shares the frustration of not knowing what is to become of the High Level Waste produced by 42 years of Vermont Yankee's operations and currently stored, literally, in our own backyard. Few of us understand the complexities of the science needed to safely dispose of it. It is easy to believe that there is absolutely nothing any one of us can do about it.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Not only can we do something about it, we must do something about it. While it is the responsibility of the nuclear power industry and its scientists to develop the technologies necessary for the task at hand, it is the responsibility of the larger community, the state, and the nation to develop the policies necessary to bring this process to a safe and equitable conclusion.

This problem is neither partisan nor political. Whatever one's feelings about nuclear power, whatever our different perspectives on this very complex problem, there can be no daylight between our respective goals.

It is especially not a problem to be solved by market forces. A dollar saved in ridding you and me of this problem now will afford zero consolation to those inheriting the fruits of our labors. There is literally no room for error here, and no kicking the can down the road for someone else to deal with.

If this body is to recommend a course of action, it must understand well what it will take to implement it and what will be its consequences. Living in the immediate environs of the plant, and its waste, as the beneficiaries of the electrical power produced by it, and in many cases having worked directly on the plant, we as a community and now here represented on this advisory panel have a particular perspective on this issue which cannot be substituted by another. I repeat, it is our duty and obligation to address it without reservation. It is the most important work remaining for this panel.

Thank you.