

Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel

An Overview of Its Mission
(or what is an NDCAP?)

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Duties Outlined in 18 V.S.A. §1701

The Panel shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not have authority to direct the decommissioning of Vermont Yankee.

- Advise the Vermont Governor, the General Assembly, State Agencies & the Public on Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Issues

What Does That Include?

In matters related to Vermont Yankee's Decommissioning:

- Act as a conduit for public information & education
- Encourage community involvement
- Receive written reports & presentations on the decommissioning at its regular meetings

NDCAP Duties

The reports received by the NDCAP address decommissioning plans, including:

- All Site Assessments
- Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Reports (PSDAR)
- Periodic reports on the Decommissioning Trust Fund and other funds associated with Site Decommissioning and/or Site Restoration (fund balances, expenditures made & reimbursements received)

NDCAP Duties

The NDCAP shall:

- Provide a forum for public comments for Vermont Yankee Decommissioning plans and reports
- Provide comments on plans and reports as appropriate to State Agencies and the Vermont Yankee Owners (Entergy)
- Provide annual report to the Governor & Energy Committees of the General Assembly

NDCAP Annual Report

- A written report provided to the Governor & General Assembly Energy Committees due January 15 of the following year.
- Includes comments on received Decommissioning Plans & Reports as the Panel may consider appropriate.
- Shall assess whether further changes to the Panel's membership or duties are appropriate.
- Shall include recommendations on such changes.

NDCAP Administrative Duties

- Meet at least 4 times a year (can meet more)
- Annually elect a Chair or Co-Chairs, and a Vice Chair, for one-year terms commencing with its first meeting.
- The Panel shall act only by majority vote of its entire membership & only at meetings called by the Chair, a Co-Chair or by any 5 Panelists.
- The Chair, Co-Chair or Panelists calling the meeting shall provide adequate notice to all Panelists.

NDCAP Resources

- The Public Service Department, the Agency of Human Services, & the Agency of Natural Resources furnish administrative support
- The Commissioner of Public Service shall manage administrative support to the Panel:
 - Inform Panel on status of decommissioning matters.
 - Timely notify panel of new decommissioning information.
 - Upon request, provide all Panel members with all relevant information within Public Service Department control.
 - Provide workshops, training & expert consultations for Panel members, as appropriate.

A Few Notes on NDCAP Mission

- The 19 NDCAP members represent 15 major stakeholders in Vermont Yankee's Decommissioning.
- Other decommissioning US nuclear power plants have or have had public engagement panels.
- The Vermont NDCAP is the only public engagement panel created by legislation.
- The NDCAP, while unique, is not alone in its mission; these other panels, past & present, can be resources for the NDCAP.