Why Be An Activist?

- You Believe in Nuclear Power – be clear in what you believe – think press interview

- You are NEEDED !!! There has been no Grassroots action organized – until now!
What do YOU want to Accomplish?

- Make Nuclear Power a WELCOMED part of National and World Energy Policy!
  - Be a balancing voice in public and the media
  - Encourage supporters
  - Influence elected officials
What it Takes

- Personally!
  - Time and effort – it will have to come out of something
  - Working with others - You can’t do it alone
  - Pick your strength - Do what you can that turns you on.
  - You’ll be frustrated – but hang in there!
  - Remember the “Wisdom of the Staircase”
  - There will ALWAYS be a need for Public Outreach
A pro-nuclear rally

- Keepin' the lights on without climate change
- Nuclear Power - YES, PLEASE! reliable, affordable, NO greenhouse gases!
- Thank you and Entergy for powering Vermont Yankee
What it takes - Collectively

- Organizational Support - ANS CNSTI
- Support of Peers - Local Section colleagues
- Ultimately, you may need to do fundraising
WHAT TO DO?

- A “Target Rich Environment”
- Comment on letters, articles, blogs etc.
- Call in shows
- Identify elected officials that support nuclear power- support them with information-be a contact
- Attend meetings, hearings, legislatures-”90% of life is showing up!”-W. Allen
What To Do 2

® Behind Your Computer
  ◦ Letters to Editor
  ◦ Comments on newspaper or blog posts
  ◦ Have a website
  ◦ Have a FB page
  ◦ Have a blog
Mr. Boardman,

Your post cracks me up!

You sound like a kid blaming his loss in a game on the bad calls by the ref.

I suspect if Judge Murtha had made a judgment the other way, you wouldn’t be questioning his integrity, but writing letters to the pope, nominating him for sainthood.
Another Way to Answer

Vermont Yankee annual production = 620 MW x 8,760 hr/yr x capacity factor 0.90 = 4,888 GWh/yr

The plant runs for 500 days at near rated output, performs schedule maintenance and refuels, etc., for about 3 -4 weeks, and runs another 500 days.

It has to be highly reliable and in good operating condition to do that, despite occasional unscheduled, short-duration shutdowns that receive excessive press coverage because it sells newspapers.

Vermont total consumption = 5,700 GWh/yr
US total consumption = 3,800,000 GWh/yr

The best way to deal with spent fuel is to reprocess it a la France (has 80% nuclear energy) which performs reprocessing services for
What To Do 3

In Public

- Attend meetings and identify yourself
- Testify
- Introduce yourself to legislators and people you vote for. You are legitimate where you vote for!
- Attend an opponent's event with a sign. Meet the press
- Stage your own, pro-nuclear event.
A civilized hearing
An uncivilized hearing
Big Thoughts

® For Success
- Relentless Preparation
- Strong Beliefs
- Optimism
- Courage
- Teamwork
- Communication

† Mayor Giuliani – He was ready 9/11/2001

° Never Never Never Give Up – Winston Churchill
More ProNuclear Rally

[Image of a person holding a sign that says "ONLY 7300 MORE DAYS"]
And More Pro-Nuclear Rally
Questions

- Some Reference Sources—find ones you like.

American Nuclear Society: website, Facebook, Nuclear Café,

Yes Vermont Yankee blog,

Ethan Allen Institute Energy Education Project

Coalition for Energy Solutions

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