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## News Release

### **Entergy Vermont Yankee Continues Commitment to Environmental Monitoring**

Vernon, VT – Entergy announced today that it has and continues to fully comply with radiological and non-radiological monitoring programs with transparency and an unwavering commitment to public health and safety. This announcement is in response to information released by the Vermont Department of Health (DOH) regarding the detection of very low levels of Strontium 90 (Sr-90) in a small number of groundwater well samples.

Since 2007, Vermont Yankee has regularly sampled its wells and has them analyzed by a certified and independent laboratory in accordance with its Nuclear Regulatory Commission license and regulatory requirements. The groundwater monitoring is maintained during this stage of decommissioning.

The Vermont DOH's laboratory recently detected minimal levels of Sr-90 in four groundwater monitoring wells installed on-site. The results were all below the minimum detectable limits established in Vermont Yankee's U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission license and also were significantly below the drinking water standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As noted by the DOH, the groundwater is not available for consumption, and the specific source of the Sr-90 is unclear. Entergy agrees with DOH's assessment that these findings indicate no public health or safety concerns.

Upon learning of the DOH's laboratory results, Entergy immediately conducted a detailed analysis by an independent certified lab utilizing techniques that comply with industry standards and suited for detecting all relevant radionuclides to the established minimum detectable levels. These results were communicated to the State by letter dated January 30, 2015. In accordance with NRC regulations, this issue will be included in Vermont Yankee's decommissioning files for further resolution once physical decommissioning and site clean-up are undertaken.

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ENVY has launched a web site featuring additional information about the nuclear plant's decommissioning plan – [vydecommissioning.com](http://vydecommissioning.com).

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