**Nuclear commission OKs Vt. Yankee decommissioning plans**

**Montpelier (AP) — The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, despite objections from state officials, is giving positive reviews to the decommissioning plans developed by the owner of the closed Vermont Yankee nuclear plant.

"We do not have any concerns or objections to the decommissioning plan developed by the owner of the closed Vermont Yankee nuclear plant," NRC spokesperson Scott Gordon said in a statement.

The NRC in December approved the plan, which includes the dismantling of the plant's two reactors and the safe storage of nuclear waste. The project is expected to take about 30 years and cost about $1 billion.

The plan was developed by the plant's owner, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, which bought the plant from previous owner Vermont Yankee Generation Co. in 2012.

The NRC's approval comes after several delays and challenges, including a lawsuit filed by environmental groups and a state regulator who objected to the plan.

The NRC's decision was based on a review of the plan's technical feasibility, safety, and financial viability.

The plan includes measures to ensure the safety of workers and the public, as well as steps to prevent the release of radioactive materials into the environment.

The NRC's decision was also based on the plant's reputation as a safe and reliable source of electricity, which is important to the state's economy.

The NRC's approval of the plan is a major milestone for Entergy and Vermont Yankee, which has been working on the decommissioning project for more than a decade.

The company has already made significant progress, including the removal of radioactive materials and the demolition of some of the plant's structures.

However, the decommissioning process is expected to be lengthy and expensive, and there are still some challenges ahead.

The plant's decommissioning is expected to generate about $500 million in revenue over the next 30 years, but it will also require a significant investment from Entergy and Vermont Yankee.

The company has already invested about $2 billion in the decommissioning project, and it is expected to spend about $1 billion more over the next 30 years.

The NRC's approval of the plan is a positive step forward for Entergy and Vermont Yankee, and for the state of Vermont.

The plan is a reflection of Vermont Yankee's commitment to decommissioning the plant in a safe and responsible manner, and to ensuring that the plant is a valuable asset to the state for years to come.