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Citizens Awareness Network

I attended a CAN board meeting the Saturday before Vermont Yankee announced its plant closure. The people there were enormously impressive, highly professional, and knowledgeable beyond what I had imagined. With a professional life immersed in mainstream American industry, including direct contact with the nuclear industry on a number of projects, I have been a long time coming to outright opposition to nuclear energy, notwithstanding the intensive efforts of friends and neighbors (and wife) to show me the light. It was the power upgrades and service extensions, apparently beyond initial design parameters, of this plant in particular, not to mention the careless arrogance of its owners, that led me to attend the meeting and persuaded me to join the cause.

I was a trial and business lawyer for many years in the Washington, D.C. office of a large law firm. The largest part of my work involved disputes that arose in connection with the design or construction of large industrial facilities, often in the steel industry but also involving paper mills, food processing plants, electric power plants, water treatment and waste water facilities, water and gas pipelines, and so forth.

Then, in 1984, my family and I escaped from Washington and landed on an old farm in Gill, MA from which I offered legal consulting services to companies experiencing the kind of litigation issues I had become familiar with over the years.

I'm now pretty well retired from all that, but I work with a number of local non-profit organizations, including schools, and a variety of town boards and committees.

- Allen Tupper Brown – Gill, MA

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