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Sanders Update: Vermont Yankee's Bad Week Now In Eighteenth Straight Bad Week

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The news for Vermont Yankee and its parent corporation Entergy has been bleak since this past summer. Public suspicion up, water cooling towers down — it's all been one savage blur of bad publicity. And the [news](#) Sunday that VY transferred some *very* hot machinery to Pennsylvania in 2006, and had their safety rating quietly lowered as a result, doesn't help matters much.



Enter Bernie, packing epistolary heat.

A few months back, Sanders took the head of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to task for failing to ride herd on Yankee. And now Bernie's back, with a letter to the NRC designed to maintain the pressure for the Independent Safety Assessment.

That would be the same ISA Jim Douglas strenuously opposed in the days before the cooling tower collapse, and now tepidly supports.

Imagine the sinking feeling in the gut of Dale Klein as he spots the name "Bernard Sanders" on the return address.