NJIT TAB Presents VT Yankee Power Plant Opinion Document to NDCAP

The Windham (VT) Regional Commission and the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (NDCAP) contacted NJIT TAB to request guidance on potential redevelopment constraints for the VT Yankee power plant located in Vernon, Vermont. Identification of these potential constraints were based on interviews with the stakeholders and review of the existing reports describing the proposed decommissioning and site restoration proposals NJIT TAB’s review was limited to the brownfield issues of existing and potential non-radiological contamination.

NJIT TAB reviewed the available documents, provided by Windham Regional Commission and NDCAP and interviewed available stakeholders. NJIT TAB also provided a written opinion document on the site redevelopment options / constraints, and presented the document at the October 26, 2017 NDCAP meeting.

NJIT TAB’s review resulted in a finding that the site investigation activities completed to date were not sufficient to characterize the non-radiological contamination at the site.

NJIT TAB made specific recommendations for Windham Regional Commission and NDCAP, which among other things, included requesting:

- additional characterization, mapping of existing structures,
- planning for long-term monitoring, including cost estimates, financial assurance, and assignment of responsibilities
- establishing non-radiological cleanup standards for the site.

Chris Campany, Executive Director of the Windham Regional Commission remarked:

“From my perspective this is exactly the type of information I was hoping for. This will hopefully go a long way towards helping folk understand the questions that need to be asked and which are being asked, and why. The absence of jargon is also much appreciated. It should be easily understood by anyone interested. Thank you!”