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**Statement by Bernie Sanders on the Yankee-Rowe shut down:**

"As someone who has been deeply involved in the whole safety issue of the Yankee Rowe plant, I am delighted to see that the Yankee Rowe Board of Directors has made the right decision to permanently close this plant -- the oldest nuclear power plant in the nation.

"This decision is important, not only for those concerned about the safety of the Yankee Rowe plant, but for all those who believe that there are far safer and more sensible sources of energy available than nuclear power. Clearly, the task in front of us now to create tens of thousands of new jobs through a massive energy conservation project and the development of renewable, safe forms of energy."

Background: Sanders toured the Yankee Rowe nuclear power plant with three other Congressmen on July 8, 1991 and at that time called for it to be shut down until safety concerns could be fully investigated and safety measures undertaken.

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