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# An inspiring story of a successful grassroots citizens' effort to shut down a nuclear power plant in Vermont

Available on DVD and Blu-ray from New Day Films and Turning Tide Productions

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**OWER STRUGGLE** chronicles a rare

victory of grassroots anti-nuclear activists - a

successful citizens' effort to protect the environment by shutting down an aging nuclear power plant in Vermont. A timely inspiring story of democracy in action and the power of citizens' voices against big moneyed interests.

**POWER STRUGGLE** is excellent for catalyzing community discussions about the dangers of nuclear power and what ordinary citizens can do to affect change for a sustainable energy future.

Available in 86-minute and 52-minute versions on DVD and Blu-ray from **New Day Films** and **Turning Tide Productions**.

## SYNOPSIS

**POWER STRUGGLE** is a compelling story that gives audiences hope that grassroots activism can be effective at bringing about positive social change in the world.

Filmed over five years, this feature-length documentary portrays the heated political battle to close the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, located on the banks of the Connecticut River in southern Vermont.

**POWER STRUGGLE** follows the unfolding drama as citizen activists and elected state officials—alarmed at increasing safety violations—take on the federal government and one of the biggest power companies in the United States and eventually **win**.

The film captures perspectives on all sides of the controversy, including from local residents both for and against nuclear power, elected officials (including U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin), nuclear engineer Arnie Gundersen, a Vermont Yankee spokesperson, federal nuclear regulators, and the legendary activist Frances Crowe.

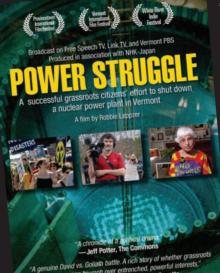
POWER STRUGGLE puts nuclear power and the long-term hazards of radioactive waste on the radar screen for current debates about environmental protection and the ethical impact of technology on our society. It is one of the only films that links nuclear power and the climate justice movement.

### **POWER STRUGGLE**

Running Time: 86 minutes and 52 minutes. (Both versions included on DVD and Blu-ray for community groups, schools and libraries via New Day Films.) Directed by Robbie Leppzer. A Turning Tide Production.

"For more than four decades, filmmaker Robbie Leppzer has been combining a mastery of the craft of storytelling through documentary films with an incisive analysis of how power operates. **POWER STRUGGLE** is journalism at its best."

> — Robert Jensen, Professor Emeritus of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin



"A genuine David vs. Goliath battle. A rich story of whether democracy can triumph over entrenched, powerful interests." — Steve Ptarrer, Daily Hampshire Gazette "David and Goliath battles always need to be documented so people understand the power they have to achieve a desired result even against ridiculous odds. POWER STRUGGLE

documents the acts of ordinary people, who brought down the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant by focusing their energies, intellects and actions in a unified way. Infuriating, deeply moving, and ultimately uplifting, **POWER STRUGGLE** provides an important

takes to successfully battle a nuclear reactor into shutdown."

#### - Libbe HaLevy, Producer/ Host, NUCLEAR HOTSEAT

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#### " POWER STRUGGLE is the

remarkable story about how people power overcame corporate power and government cover-ups to finally shut down an aging and dangerous nuclear plant. We see how small town citizens were transformed into tenacious environmental activists who triumphed against the odds. **POWER STRUGGLE** is a hopeful story that reminds us that citizen activism is not just possible, it is essential to saving our endangered planet."

> — David Goodman, best-selling author, journalist and radio host, THE VERMONT CONVERSATION

"**POWER STRUGGLE** is a great film. All activists and engaged citizens should see this living document on how people must and can change the world."

— Harvey Wasserman, author of SOLARTOPIA!, radio host of SOLARTOPIA GREEN POWER AND WELLNESS SHOW

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