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Here are additional talking points from Diane on the potential Vermont Yankee strike.

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**VY STRIKE TALKING POINTS**  
(current as of 8/17, 11:30 a.m.)

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- The contract between Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Local 300 Unit 8 is set to expire at midnight on Thursday, August 19. Workers have authorized a strike to begin at 12:01 on Friday, August 20.
- The two sides met with a federal mediator twice last week. There are numerous sticking points. They'll all sit down again tomorrow and Thursday in hopes of reaching an agreement.
- A strike would include licensed reactor operators, auxiliary operators, instrument and control technicians, chemistry techs, electricians, mechanics, work planners, and control specialists. Security is not included.
- VY has put together extensive contingency plans to continue operating during a potential strike. NRC inspectors have reviewed those plans and have found them to be acceptable. Inspectors will continue reviewing the plans, as the situation evolves.
- The contingency plans call for using only VY employees during the first several weeks, with the company reevaluating its needs if a strike were to continue beyond that.
- VY managers will begin shadowing workers tomorrow in preparation for taking over in the event of a strike. Any person who works as a licensed operator would be licensed by the NRC to operate VY.
- News reports indicate the union has raised issues with the NRC. We are reviewing those issues.