Date: May 25, 2012

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE – PNO-I-12-002B

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. Some of the information received may not yet be fully verified or evaluated by Region I staff.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.	___ Notification of Unusual Event
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station	___ Alert
Plymouth, MA	___ Site Area Emergency
Docket: 50-293	___ General Emergency
	_X_ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: **UPDATE** - CURRENT NRC ACTIONS DURING PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

As of 10:00 a.m., on May 25, 2012, members of the United Workers Union of America (UWUA) Local 369 at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. have not agreed to a new contract. UWUA Local 369 includes members of the Maintenance, Radiation Protection, Chemistry, and Operations organizations. The contract, which had been previously extended, is set to expire at midnight on May 25.

The NRC has completed an inspection of Entergy's strike contingency plans per established inspection procedures (Inspection Procedure 92709, "Licensee Strike Contingency Plans"). The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the adequacy of Pilgrim's strike contingency plan content to assure that public health and safety and security will be maintained during any possible strike period. The NRC has prepared a watchbill that includes 24-hour onsite coverage in the event that an agreement cannot be reached. In advance of the midnight union contract deadline, the NRC is providing continuous onsite coverage to ensure the plant continues to be operated in a safe manner should a strike occur. The NRC Branch Chief responsible for Pilgrim is also onsite to assist the resident and regional inspectors, and to observe Entergy's contingency plan implementation to ensure Pilgrim meets its regulatory requirements.

The information presented herein has been discussed with Entergy and is current as of May 25, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. The NRC has kept the Commonwealth of Massachusetts informed. Region I Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

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