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COMMENTS REGARDING NRC WASTE CONFIDENCE

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Dear Ms. Bladey,

I am writing you on behalf of my constituents living in close proximity to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where there is a pool holding 3,279 radioactive spent fuel rods that have accumulated over 40 years of operation.

I am requesting that the U.S.N.R.C. extend the public comment period for at least six months on the scoping of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to support the update of the Waste Confidence Rule. A period of two and a half months, as originally set in October by the Commission is far too short -- especially during the national election and holiday season -- for people to make serious comments on such a significant issue.

Additionally, we would like to see the Commission hold regional public hearings on this issue. One public hearing in Rockville, MD, and a series of webinars, is not really sufficient for true public input -- particularly in areas where nuclear reactor waste is already a problem.

I am also requesting that the U.S.N.R.C. withdraw its notice for comment on the Waste Confidence Rule and republish it once it complies with requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act and addresses the three deficiencies the D.C. Circuit Court identified in its June 8, 2012 decision and rule.

Although the residents of my district in Southeastern Massachusetts will not benefit directly from improvements to this rule since the Pilgrim reactor has already been relicensed for another 20 years, we believe our experience can enrich the dialogue and help toward eliminating risks to our and future generations.

Thank you very much for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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