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Subject: Request that Pilgrim Nuclear installation high capacity radiation filters on containment vents.

January 7, 2013

Dear USNRC Commissioners:

I understand that you will be discussing, at your meeting Wednesday, January 9, whether or not to require all operators of GE Mark I and II reactors in the United States to install high capacity radiation filters on containment vents.

I am writing you on behalf of my many constituents living in close proximity to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, MA, which has a Mark I reactor. I urge you to follow your technical staff's recommendation to require such filters.

The containment vessels on GE Mark I and II reactors are known to have faults, and vents were created to fix those faults, but the vents currently do not have filters on them - including Pilgrim's.

We know that if a serious accident occurred at Pilgrim the unfiltered vent would allow widespread radiological contamination. If the released gasses were filtered, there would be much less danger.

This scenario -- an accident at Pilgrim causing a large release of radioactive gasses -- is not "unthinkable." It happened in Fukushima, which had reactors and containment vessels of the same type as Pilgrim's.

In the interest of "protecting people and the environment," I hope you will insist that the owners and operators of these facilities install filters as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rep. Tom Calter
Massachusetts State Representative
12th Plymouth District