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General Comment

While it is a positive step for the NRC to acknowledge that clarification is needed for emergency preparedness and planning for members of the public who may find themselves on water bodies in the the event of a nuclear emergency, the RIS woefully understates and underestimates the complexities and challenges for a plant like the Pilgrim to effectively deal with the population at sea. As a retired Coast Guard officer I know the challenges with finding and notifying people at sea. The complexity of the population at sea was captured in Jones River Watershed Association's comments on this RIS. Not all vessels carry radios, not all mariners have smart phones and many people at sea have no direct link with the main land. Licensing should depend on emergency planning that will actually work. While the NRC has identified a gap in planning, the response is inadequate.

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