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Mary Lampert
Director, Pilgrim Watch
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Re: Letter to Nuclear Regulatory Commission dated October 4, 2016

Dear Ms. Lampert,

I have been asked to respond to your letter to William Dean and Daniel Dorman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated October 4, 2016 regarding your concerns about the NRC's inspection of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS) scheduled for November 28, 2016. At the outset, please let me express my appreciation for your continued interest in, and advocacy for safety at PNPS and effective emergency planning in, and around the plant.

In your letter, you make three requests of the NRC concerning the upcoming inspection:

1. That the scope of the inspection include an examination of actual events that have occurred at the plant;
2. That the inspection include discussions with line-level plant employees; and
3. That the NRC allow an independent inspector/subject matter expert to participate in the inspection and be permitted to speak about any observations and opinions with parties outside of the NRC.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) supports the inclusion of an examination of all events that have occurred at the plant during the inspection process. A comprehensive review of recent events will better inform the inspectors and support public confidence in the NRC's findings and determinations.

MEMA also supports the inclusion of discussions with line-level staff as a component of the inspection process in order to fully assess safety attitudes and the overall safety culture within the plant.

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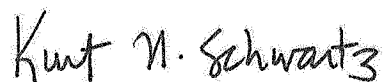
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Lastly, MEMA supports the inclusion of an independent inspector/subject matter expert who, along with the NRC, can communicate about his/her observations and findings with members of the Governor's administration designated by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Any such independent inspector/subject matter expert should be chosen by the Administration, with input from Senators Markey and Warren. The cost of the independent inspector would have to be absorbed by Pilgrim Station as an inspection-related cost.

If you have any questions, please contact John Giarrusso, Jr., MEMA's Planning and Nuclear Section Chief, at john.giarrusso@state.ma.us or (508) 820-2040.

Sincerely,



Kurt N. Schwartz
Director

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