



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

January 11, 2017

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Maura Healey  
Attorney General  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Boston, MA 02108-1518

Dear Ms. Attorney General:

I am responding to your letter of January 4, 2017, in which you request that the U.S. Regulatory Commission (NRC) convene a public meeting in Massachusetts as soon as possible to answer the public's questions about the safety of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant (Pilgrim). As you know, the NRC staff is currently completing the third and final week of onsite inspection resulting from Pilgrim's 2015 placement in the Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone Column, or Column 4, of the NRC's reactor oversight process action matrix.

I have discussed your request with the NRC staff, and they have begun planning for a public meeting as suggested in your letter. The staff will work with you to establish the time, date, and location of the meeting and will issue a public meeting notice.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with me. I hope you find this letter responsive to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Burns", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen G. Burns

**Identical letter sent to:**

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