

From: [Henrietta Cosentino](#)
To: [Gody, Tony](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] Re: Nix on the nuclear industry"s proposal to replace NRC"s engineering inspections with self-assessments
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:06:29 PM

Dear Tony,

Thank you so much for your response. I hope that external stakeholder input is truly valued. From our perspective in Plymouth, it is a challenge to believe this.

When the NRC came to conduct two public meetings last winter and spring (and only because of a leaked document that caused embarrassment), it was painfully clear that the NRC had already decided to do what it wanted and the public stakeholder expressions were merely window-dressing. Pilgrim got a few slaps on the hand and was given a pass on many of the changes deemed urgent after Fukushima had exposed the potential consequences of its weaknesses.. Despite an unending 45 year-old litany of documented safety and security failures, born of extreme weather, equipment failure, human error, etc, it was business as usual. The public was patted on the head and told, "there there, we know what's best and don't believe there was any real seriousness in the leaked report..."

Yes, that's the way it is here in Plymouth. We are not fools. We perfectly understand that the NRC's regulatory powers are as malleable as the funders want them to be. We get it. Our democracy was taken over by the corporatocracy which looks out for its own profit.

And now it is far more threatening because the current administration—as you surely know--is plotting a massive bailout for nuclear energy, as well as for coal.

You must know how wrong this is. A fire in the miserable overcrowded fuel pool is one tiny accident away. If such a thing happened, it would devastate much of the northeast coast—for eternity. And the NRC is actually ready to consider allowing the industry to inspect itself?? If something goes wrong, the blood, as far as I'm concerned, will be on the NRC's hands. But presumably they won't care because we'll all be dead?

But obviously we must keep some hope alive, and your response gives me a tiny sliver.

> On Oct 17, 2017, at 9:40 AM, Gody, Tony <Tony.Gody@nrc.gov> wrote:

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> Henrietta,

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> Thank you for your input on our collaborative process to evaluate improvements to both the effectiveness and efficiency of our engineering inspection program. We find external stakeholder input important to our decision-making and we value your thoughts. You can access documents associated with this effort at the following website: <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/oversight/rop-design-insp-review.html>

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> Our next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 12th, 2017. The meeting will be announced on the NRC Public Meeting Announcement website (<https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>). Our meetings can be attended in person or by telephone. The details of the meeting purpose and how to participate will be included in our announcement. We look forward to having a dialog with you.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Henrietta Cosentino [<mailto:henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com>]

> Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2017 3:26 PM

> To: Gody, Tony <Tony.Gody@nrc.gov>

> Cc: Isom, James <James.Isom@nrc.gov>

> Subject: [External_Sender] Nix on the nuclear industry's proposal to replace NRC's engineering inspections with self-assessments

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> Dear Messieurs Gody and Isom,

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> I live within five miles of Pilgrim II, the nuclear power plant owned and managed by Entergy in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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> The nuclear industry, losing money at a fast clip, proposes to save time & money but cutting back on safety inspections—most notably by eliminating the triennial fire inspection.

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> Good Lord. What could wrong? Just about everything.

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> This is a monstrous idea. The mission of corporate entities is to make money for their stockholders. Despite lip service to safety, we have seen how Entergy puts profit before the lives of the people in our community. It is a matter of life and death for Plymouth and for all those in the path of a potential nuclear plume. A fire can provoke a catastrophic meltdown. You know that.

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> You know that Pilgrim II is one of the 3 worst-managed plants in the country. It continues to be plagued by reckless management and safety violations. Is our safety to be sacrificed for the mere convenience of the nuclear industry. Is our safety to be compromised because the NRC, the federal regulatory body we should be able to count on is paid for and therefore enables the nuclear industry?

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> The NRC has failed over and over again to regulate the industry in a meaningful way.

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> Now I urge you to do the right thing. DO NOT ALLOW SELF-ASSESSMENT.

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> Sincerely,

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