

# United States Senate

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August 23, 1982

William J. Dircks  
Executive Director  
for Operations  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Dircks:

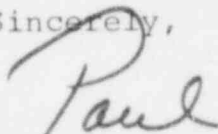
In May, 1982, you provided me with a response to my inquiry on behalf of the Pilgrim Alliance and the concerns I shared with them for the safety conditions at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

Recently, I received a copy of a letter to Mr. Palladino written by State Representative Peter Forman again raising the issue of 24-hour inspectors. A copy is attached for your information.

I would appreciate being informed of any decisions following the reconsideration of this request. As you know, in January of this year, I publicly stated my first concern was for the safety of the residents of Massachusetts.

I look forward to hearing from you on this point.

Sincerely,



PAUL E. TSONGAS  
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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August 5, 1982

Mr. Nunzio Palladino, Director  
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Dear Mr. Palladino:

As a resident and State Representative from Plymouth, I urge the NRC to consider providing inspectors on a 24 hour basis at Boston Edison's Pilgrim I plant. The residents of Plymouth and surrounding towns have legitimate concerns about the safety of a nuclear power plant. Although I do not advocate the closing of this facility, I do expect the NRC to fully monitor its operation.

It is the NRC's responsibility to protect public safety and ensure full compliance with your regulations. It seems that this can best be accomplished by round-the-clock independent inspections.

An issue of some concern to residents is public notification of any accidents or minor problems at the plant. Again, the public has more confidence in the NRC than Edison management to fully report such incidences.

Sincerely,

PETER FORMAN  
State Representative

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cc: Congressman Gerry Studds  
Senator Edward Kennedy  
Senator Paul Tsongas  
Gail Reed

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