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September 2, 1987

Honorable Lando Zech  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Zech:

Please convey to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the consensus of the Plymouth Board of Selectmen which, simply stated, recommends that the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station located in our community not be allowed to restart until the Radiological Emergency Response Plan of this town is in an effective form. Our present RERP is dated May 1985 and is under intense revision. It is inadequate as to response time, evacuation procedures, and reception centers.

The recent FEMA report to the NRC documents the inadequacies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' RERP. The Board of Selectmen recognizes the same flaws in the operative plans of this community.

The public safety would be at risk if the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is permitted to open without a valid radiological emergency plan in place.

We remind the NRC that this community of over 40,000 citizens is entirely within the ten mile emergency planning zone and that our geographic location and our few and overburdened evacuation routes pose serious problems in any emergency plan, whether for natural or radiological disaster.

The issue has been well studied and documented by the Nuclear Matter Advisory Committee of this town as well as by our Civil Defense Director.

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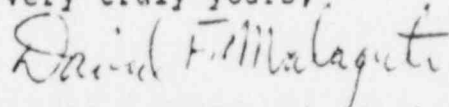
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The Plymouth Board of Selectmen recommends that the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station not be permitted to restart until an effective, tested Radiological Emergency Response Plan is in place.

The public safety ought not to be placed at risk.

Very truly yours,



David F. Malaguti, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
cc Secretary of Public Safety, MA  
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