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December 9, 1998

The Honorable Therese Murray
Massachusetts Senate
State House
Boston, MA 02133-1053

Dear Ms. Murray:

I am responding to the letter you sent Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson on October 28, 1998, in which you expressed concern that the NRC will not perform an environmental assessment in connection with its consideration of approval of the transfer of the license for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to permit its sale. The NRC has completed numerous environmental assessments related to license transfers. These assessments have uniformly demonstrated that there are no significant environmental effects from license transfers. Accordingly, the NRC has amended its regulations to provide for a categorical exclusion that eliminates the need to perform individual environmental assessments in each transfer case.

The licensee at the time of decommissioning is fully responsible for decontamination and decommissioning of the site. Licensees determine how much sampling and analysis are needed to adequately characterize the site on the basis of available historical onsite radiation survey records and known history of site uses, regardless of who may have owned the plant. This initial site characterization study is performed for the purpose of decommissioning planning and estimating decommissioning costs.

After decommissioning activities are completed, the licensee must furnish additional documentation of radiological evaluations to demonstrate compliance with the radiological criteria contained in "Subpart E-- Radiological Criteria for License Termination" of 10 CFR Part 20. The licensee's radiological environmental monitoring program is maintained in effect throughout the decommissioning process so that the potential environmental impacts of decommissioning activities are monitored. The NRC periodically inspects the licensee's decommissioning program during the decommissioning process and reviews the licensee's final radiological survey data. The NRC can perform an independent radiological review of the survey data if one is needed. The NRC can also, if needed, perform an independent radiological survey of the licensee's site to verify the licensee's compliance with regulatory requirements. The NRC will terminate the license only when it is satisfied that the licensee's site is remediated to the levels specified in the regulations.

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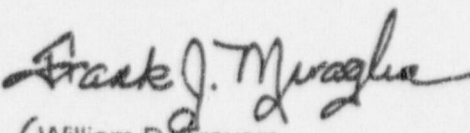
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Thank you for sharing your concerns with the NRC. If you should have any further questions, please contact me.

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DATE: 11/10/98

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