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PLYMOUTH — Massachusetts activists have announced plans to sue the owner of the Pilgrim nuclear power plant for what they say has been continuous polluting of Cape Cod Bay over the last 16 years.

The three activists, represented by Ecolaw, notified the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday that they intend to sue New Orleans-based Entergy Corp.

They say the Plymouth plant damaged the local ecology by discharging chemical pollution and water heated far above allowed standards.

The activists say Pilgrim has violated the Clean Water Act more than 33,000 times since 1996, and that the company could be liable for \$831 million in penalties, at \$25,000 per violation. The plant uses 510 million gallons of ocean water daily for its cooling system, and that use raises the water temperature from 32 to 120 degrees, the activists said.

In a separate letter Friday, Ecolaw told the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that it intends to sue the DEP for allegedly allowing Entergy to damage the environment.

Pine duBois, one of the three residents who signed the notification to the EPA, said regulators have a duty to enforce anti-pollution laws.

“Our ocean is not Entergy’s dump,” she said in a news release. “Cape Cod Bay belongs to all of us.”

The Department of Environmental Protection said Tuesday that it had just received the letter.

“We are currently reviewing each allegation contained in it,” the agency said in a statement.

Pilgrim was relicensed earlier this year after 6½ years of review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The relicensing means the commission has certified that the plant, built in 1972, can operate safely for another 20 years.

NRC officials have noted that the commission’s staff devoted approximately 14,600 hours to the review, which was the longest renewal-application review in the agency’s history.

Ecolaw said it notified state and federal agencies of its intent to sue under laws that allow citizens to act if the government fails to enforce the law.

The group told the EPA that it can sue Entergy if the agency doesn’t act within 60 days of the notification. And it says under Massachusetts law it can sue the Department of Environmental Protection if the state does not act with 21 days of its Friday notification to that agency.

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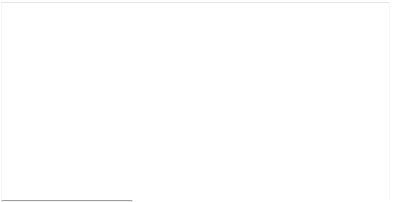
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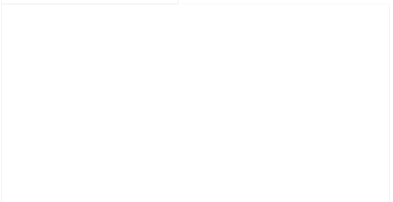


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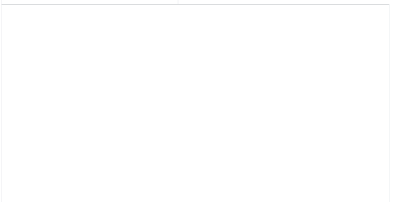


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Did any of you doubters see how that nuclear waste in the ocean spread out after the Japanese meltdowns? Can you imagine what that would do to Cape Cod Bay? See ya later Cape Cod Bay. Now that it has happened someplace else you can't say it won't happen here.

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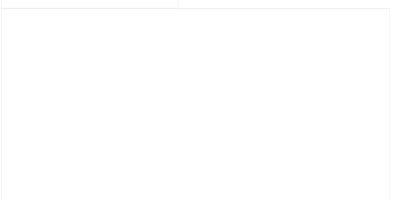


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This is not a matter of being pro- or anti-nuke. This is about protecting the region from the Pilgrim Nuclear reactor's pollution. Entergy is based in Louisiana and they are using Plymouth as their nuclear waste dump! Enough is enough. Time for us to take back Cape Cod Bay. Pilgrim's Clean Water permit expired 16 years ago and the EPA should require they receive a new one. Thankfully, the Clean Water Act includes specific provisions that allow citizens the right to enforce its regulations if government fails to do so.

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