Local residents claim Entergy violating the Clean Water Act

Cape Cod Bay Watch charges that Entergy's once-through cooling water system at Pilgrim Nuclear power plant in South Plymouth is the subject of a notice of intent to sue letter sent by local residents on October 5, 2012.

The letter is a prerequisite to a lawsuit under the Clean Water Act. The notice of intent to sue letter claims that Entergy is causing water pollution and could be liable for more than $831 million in penalties. Meg Sheehan of EcoLaw, one of the attorneys representing local residents who sent the letter, was interviewed on Living on Earth, along with Vermont Law School Professor Patrick Parenteau who discussed the wider implications of the case for the nuclear industry. Listen to the interview here.

Entergy could be liable for up to $831,325,000 in civil penalties for dumping pollution into Cape Cod Bay.

According to an October 5, 2012 letter sent to Entergy and state and federal regulators from local residents under provisions of the Clean Water Act, since 1996, Pilgrim has violated the law 33,253 times. The Clean Water Act sets a penalty of up to $25,000.00 for each violation. The letter says the violations are based on Entergy's own reports. Read the Oct. 5, 2012 letter here.

Read more about Entergy's pollution violations on the Cape Cod Batch Watch site here.

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