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### Environmentalists to sue Pilgrim Nuclear

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**TODAY's** quote: "We are very adamant that the EPA should take action, review the permit, make sure things are up to current standards." - Meg Sheehan, an attorney at Ecolaw and a Plymouth native.

### Environmentalists plan to sue Pilgrim Nuclear



Paul Rifkin

took this from a helicopter as it violated the air space over Pilgrim Nuke several times recently.

### ***Claim Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is polluting Cape Cod Bay***

By Walter Brooks

**S**everal local environmental groups represented by [Ecolaw](#), have notified the Environmental Protection Agency of their intent to sue the owners of the Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant, [Entergy Corp.](#)

They allege that the Pilgrim plant has damaged the local ecology by discharging chemical pollution and water heated far above allowed standards.

The activists say Pilgrim has had more than 33,000 violations of the Clean Water Act since 1996 and Paul Rifkin took this photo as they violated the air space that the company could be liable for \$831 million in penalties, at \$25,000 per violation.



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."

Local groups involved include [Pilgrim Watch](#) and [Cape Downwinders](#).

Ecolaw also intends to sue the state for allegedly allowing Entergy to damage the environment.

"[Pilgrim] generates a lot of hot water that is dumped into Cape Cod Bay. It's been doing it for 40 years and it's time for the state and federal government to step up and stop this pollution," said Meg Sheehan, an attorney at Ecolaw and a Plymouth native.

The [Falmouth Enterprise](#) reports that last month Paul Rifkin of Cotuit took aerial photographs from a helicopter flying near the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth without receiving a warning from security personnel or air traffic controllers.

Mr. Rifkin said that he and the pilot flew up the coast in front of the facility twice on Saturday, September 15, but were not warned to stay away from the nuclear plant.

### No emergency plan for Cape

Most of the Upper Cape is within a 25-mile radius of the plant, but in the event of a nuclear emergency there is currently no emergency plan for Cape Cod residents. People are especially concerned about spent fuel rods which are kept under water within a large concrete storage facility on top of the building.

Carol Wightman, spokesperson for Pilgrim Nuclear Power, said off-site emergency planning is the responsibility of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. Any no-fly zones above the power plant are the responsibility of the Federal Aviation Administration, she said.

Ecolaw's network includes Jones River Watershed Association, Connecticut River Watershed Council, Taunton River Watershed Alliance, Save the Bay/RI, Trout Unlimited/MA-RI Council and Greater Boston Chapter, Concerned Citizens of Russell, Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, MassAudubon, Green Berkshires, Inc., Massachusetts Forest Watch, Massachusetts Environmental Energy Alliance, ARISE for Social Justice, Powder River Resource Council, and individuals across the country.

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A poster protesting Pilgrim Nuclear.

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"Our ocean is not Entergy's dump." - Pine duBois.

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