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Mr. George Papadopoulos
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RE: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station- Draft EPA Water Pollution Permit

July 22, 2016

Dear Mr. George Papadopoulos,

I am writing to submit public comment on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. Founded in 1991 by the local fishing fleet, we are now a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization and the leading voice for commercial fishermen on Cape Cod. We engage our local fishing community in building lasting solutions to protect our ecosystem and the future of our fishing businesses. We believe that a healthy marine environment is essential to the success of Cape Cod's fishing economy.

The Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance is concerned about any activity that could negatively impact fish stocks and the marine environment in Cape Cod Bay. We have concerns that Pilgrim's outdated 'once through cooling' systems jeopardize the marine life that thousands of Massachusetts commercial fishermen rely upon. For example, New England is already seeing faster ocean warming than other parts of the country and does not need additional thermal pollution contributing to the rate of ocean warming.

We encourage the EPA to protect Cape Cod Bay's environment and require the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to use the best available technology and protocols to protect our waters, for today's fishermen and for generations to come.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



John Pappalardo
CEO

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