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Washington, DC 20555-0001

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RE: Docket No. PRM-51-10 – Support The Massachusetts Attorney General's Petition for Rulemaking- Spent Fuel

(You/We) support the Massachusetts Attorney General's Petition for Rulemaking in its entirety.

Specifically we support the conclusions that, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission should:

- (a) Consider new and significant information showing that the NRC's characterization of the environmental impacts of spent fuel storage as insignificant in the License Renewal GEIS is incorrect,
- (b) Revoke the regulations which codify that incorrect conclusion and excuse consideration of spent fuel storage impacts in NEPA decision-making documents,
- (c) Issue a generic determination that the environmental impacts of high-density pool storage of spent fuel are significant, and
- (d) Order that any NRC licensing decision that approves high-density pool storage of spent fuel at a nuclear power plant or any other facility must be accompanied by an EIS that addresses (i) the environmental impacts of high-density pool storage of spent fuel at that nuclear plant and (ii) a reasonable array of alternatives for avoiding or mitigating those impacts.

We know that this rule change is important to better protect our public health and safety. For example, simply look at the estimates of costs and latent cancers following the releases of Cesium-137 from Pilgrim's spent fuel pool prepared by Dr. Jan Beyea for the Massachusetts Attorney

General Motion to Intervene in the Re-licensing Application for Pilgrim
and Vermont Yankee, May 25, 2006.

Estimates of Costs and Latent Cancers Following Releases of Cesium-137
from Pilgrim's Spent-Fuel Pool

Consequence

10% release C-137

100% release C-137

Cost (billions)

\$105-\$175 billion

\$342-\$488 Billion

Latent Cancers

8,000

24,000

Signed,

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