



# TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

Daniel Dorman, NRC Region I Administrator  
U.S. NRC Region I  
2100 Renaissance Boulevard  
King of Prussia, PA 19406-2713

Dear Mr. Dorman,

On or about December 6, 2008, an electronic mail communication was received by a member of the public from an unknown source within the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC"). The email purported to contain confidential field observations of the chief inspector leading the NRC Team currently conducting an extraordinary inspection of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. This extraordinary inspection was occasioned by substandard performance at the Pilgrim Station, as documented by the prior regular inspection regime.

Some of the material released contained candid comments from your inspector which could lead a reasonable person to conclude that there are serious operational deficiencies in the plant. The NRC, your agency, has not denied the authenticity of this communication, which has been characterized as preliminary field notes, which may or may not have a significant bearing upon the ultimate conclusions of the final NRC report. The Board of Selectmen understands that this report will not be complete and available to the public for some months. Nonetheless, the people of Plymouth, and the various constituency groups which have a stake in the safe operation of the plant, have been alarmed by the contents of this communication. In light of these events the Plymouth Board of Selectmen, meeting in emergency session on Wednesday, December 7, 2017, approved the following motion:

*Selectman Provenzano moves that the Board of Selectmen demand the attendance of a representative or representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant to explain (1) the unauthorized release of information which occurred on or about December 6, 2016, (2) the information circulation protocol in place at the NRC, and (3) to place the released information in some context in light of the current extraordinary inspections currently taking place at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. And in addition to that demand, the Selectmen shall communicate directly with our Federal Legislative Delegation, our State Legislative Delegation, and the Executive Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth, to express our concerns and to call upon them to join us in this demand that the NRC and Entergy come before the Plymouth Board of Selectmen in an open public meeting to which all of the above shall be invited.*

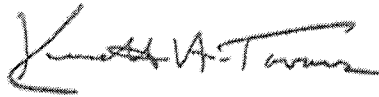
The Plymouth Board of Selectmen, as outlined above, hereby calls upon you and your agency to appear before this Board within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter, in open



session, where the contents of this released information can be discussed in some context, in order to transparently and effectively allow the people of our community to assess its import and to allay the fears which have naturally been engendered its release.

Please contact Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager at (508) 747-1620 with your intentions to fulfill this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Tavares". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenneth" being more prominent.

Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

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John Kotek, Acting Assistant Secretary of Nuclear Energy  
Stephen Burns, NRC Chairman  
William Dean, Nuclear Reactor Regulation Director  
Douglas Tifft, State Liaison Officer  
Diane Screni, senior Public Affairs Officer