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Dear Gina McCarthy,

I am writing you about the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth MA. They say they are closing in three years. However they have refuded and it is still open. They have been non compliant for 20 years and now they are not able to keep staff who know their days are numbered. The best will leave which increases the risk.

Pilgrim has been operating with an expired water discharge permit for 20 years. Pilgrim draws in 500,000,000 gallons of water daily - increases its temperature by 32 degrees and discharges it back into Cape Cod Bay.

Your data indicates a rise in the bay temperature of 4 degrees between 1977-2012. The water which is sucked in brings with it large numbers of marine organisms.

The EPA is charged with making sure nuclear plants follow out policies. It's cooling system is out moded and outdated.

best practices require a recirculating system <u>not</u> a single pass system which is what they have. With the stated plan to close in three years they are not going to make the necessary changes.
Our lives and property values are at stake. It is your job to ensure our safety. What is your plan?
If you do not have time to respond by mail please feel free to email me at judith.cumbler@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
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