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FINAL REPLY:

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

TO:

Dennis K. Rathburn

FOR SIGNATURE OF : ** GRN ** CRC NO: 03-0535

Travers

DESC:

Concerns the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

ROUTING:

Travers
Norry
Paperiello
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Collins
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Burns/Cyr
Miller, RI

DATE: 08/18/03

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:
NRR Borchardt

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Coordinate with RI. Prepare response to Boston office.

TEMPLATE: SECY-017

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2102

Mr. Dennis K. Rathburn
Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

July 28, 2003

Dear Mr. Rathburn:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from Ms. Jacqueline Souza, Clerk of Town of Dennis, Massachusetts concerning the need for emergency planning in the event of an incident at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in addressing the issues outlined in the attached correspondence.

Please convey a copy of your response to the issues raised in correspondence to Joan M. Wasser of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry

United States Senator

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May 16, 2003

Senator John F. Kerry
One Bowdoin Square
10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Honorable John F. Kerry:

Please be advised that the following Public Advisory Question was affirmatively voted upon at the Dennis Annual Town Election:

QUESTION 1 - Public Advisory Question:

1. Whereas Cape Cod is situated down wind from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station over 50% of the time and in danger from any major release of radiation, accidental or deliberate, but is not included in the present safety plans afforded people in the 10 mile radius of the plant;
2. Whereas there is no escape route for the people of Cape Cod, since in the event of a nuclear accident, the Sagamore Bridge will be closed and only one lane of the Bourne Bridge will be open;
3. Whereas the Pilgrim Plant is highly vulnerable to terrorist attack mainly because of their above ground, densely crowded spent fuel rod pool with no containment structure which currently houses 2,278 rods in a pool designed for 880, (with more added every 18 months);

THEREFORE, SHALL THE DENNIS VOTERS ASK:

- A. The Massachusetts Department of Health to provide Potassium Iodide (protection for the thyroid gland) to our Town's Health Department (in accordance with provisions of recently enacted legislation, S 2456);

B. The Nuclear Regulation Commission (NRC) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to provide us with emergency planning including:

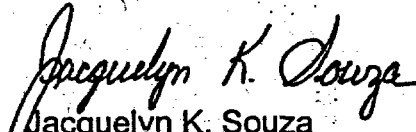
1. Immediate notification of any serious accident or abnormal occurrence at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station;
2. Designated radiologically safe shelters;
3. Written instructions for each residence as to how to proceed in a radiological emergency.

C. The NRC to direct the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to proceed in all haste to transfer the spent fuel rod to the far safer Dry Cask storage.

The Dennis Town Clerk shall send these requests to: Assistant Commissioner Nancy Ridley at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Commissioner McGrail at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville, MD; Governor Romney; all appropriate state and federal representatives; and the Dennis Civil Defense Director.

Yes:	1,957
No:	253
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Total	2,415

Respectfully submitted,


Jacquelyn K. Souza
Dennis Town Clerk

cc: Sarah W. Thacher

United States Senate

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8/15/03

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