



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission
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Senator Jason M. Lewis, Chair
Representative Kate Hogan, Chair
Joint Committee on Public Health

Dear Chairmen Lewis and Hogan,

We, the members of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, write in support of two bills that are before your committee. They are H.2030 and H.2031. We ask that they be brought to the floor for a favorable vote.

H.2030, which expands the network of real-time radiation air monitors to communities in Cape Cod, will enable immediate actions to be taken to increase the protection of our citizens as well as the health and safety of the 4 million visitors from all over the world who visit the Cape Cod National Seashore each year.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health currently has 14 offsite real-time radiological monitors located from one half to one and a half miles beyond the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. They need to be supplemented with monitors farther from the Power Station. The current monitors do not provide early warning to the citizens of the Cape and the Islands where in the summer there can be 500,000 visitors on any given day.

We feel that it is necessary for the public to know what type of radiation is being emitted from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, over what timeframe and where it travels. Thus, we also respectfully request amending the bill to add meteorological monitors at each radiological monitoring station. It was of great concern to us to recently learn that the meteorology towers at Pilgrim were not operating properly, if at all.

These combination radiological/meteorological monitors will provide the necessary emergency planning information to determine if a radioactive plume is headed towards

the Cape and Islands, and to develop more precise guidance as to whether sheltering in place is recommended.

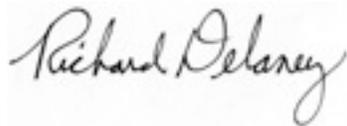
Additionally, we support H. 2031, which expands the nuclear reaction emergency planning protections to a 50 mile radius instead of the current 10 mile zone to include Cape Cod and the Islands. During the catastrophe at Fukushima, our government warned Americans in the area that they should evacuate to a distance of 50 miles for their safety. It is our conviction that we owe citizens in the 50 mile radius around Pilgrim an emergency plan.

Now that Entergy has announced closing Pilgrim, we feel that these two bills are more critical than ever. We agree with U.S. Representative Bill Keating who has stated that during the decommissioning phase greater scrutiny than ever is necessary to ensure that Entergy is held responsible for maintaining proper safety standards. Since Entergy failed to address safety during their term of operations, we are concerned that they will be more lax during the decommissioning phase.

The Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission was authorized by Section 8 of PL 87- 126, part of the enabling legislation which created the Cape Cod National Seashore in 1961. We are one of the oldest National Park Service advisory bodies in the nation, and subject to The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (PL 92-463). Our charge is to "serve in various matters relating to the administration and development of the Seashore by the federal government as liaisons between the federal government on the one hand, and state and local governments on the other." Our members represent the six outer Cape Cod towns, as well as Barnstable County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States Secretary of the Interior. We are appointees of the Secretary of the Interior. We collectively voted to write to you on this important subject.

It is our hope that you will move these two bills to a favorable vote.

Sincerely yours,



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