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(IN)SECURITY AT PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION Prompts Cape Downwinders and Pilgrim Watch to File a Petition with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

PLYMOUTH, MA - On Tuesday, September 16, 2014 Cape Downwinders and Pilgrim Watch filed a joint petition with the nuclear regulatory commission showing that Pilgrim's security in the owner-controlled area is seriously inadequate and presents an immediate danger to the public health and safety.

The allegation listed 15 trespassing incidences. It included a recent undocumented trespass that occurred on Aug. 21, when two Cape Downwinder members, Bill Mauer and Diane Turco, conspicuously walked on to Entergy property. They past the 'no trespassing' signs, the unmanned guard house, two security guards before entering the employee entrance building. Leaving the property, they followed, unnoticed, 2 security guards. Their jaunt did not draw any attention from security.

Mary Lampert said that, "The welcome mat should not be out for intruders to come and go on Pilgrim's property- it is after all a nuclear power plant. Fortunately the 15 incidences the Petitioners reported to the NRC were harmless; but what if they were well-trained terrorists or home-grown nuts like the Oklahoma bomber?"

The Union of Concerned Scientists security expert, Dr. Edwin Lyman, previously warned that, "If a team of well-trained terrorists were to succeed in gaining forced entry to a nuclear power plant, within a matter of minutes it could do enough damage to cause a meltdown of the core and a failure of the containment structure"

Cape Downwinders and Pilgrim Watch requested that the NRC require Pilgrim to tighten security in its owner-controlled area, man checkpoints in the owner controlled area at all times, and perform visible and other surveillance measures so that people cannot enter the owner controlled area.

Bill Maurer noted that, "There are no air restrictions over the plant and only a couple of buoys marking the water restriction."

Diane Turco concluded that, "Cape Downwinders calls for immediate closure of Pilgrim because the public health and safety cannot be assured. As pilgrim continues to operate at this time, lack of security presents yet another immediate threat to us all.

PETITION 9/16/2014 with NRC

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