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## **FORMER GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS WILL ADDRESS CROWD TODAY IN THE GARDNER AUDITORIUM AT THE STATE HOUSE**

BOSTON, MA – Over the past four days activists in bright yellow "Shut Down Pilgrim" T-shirts" have marched from Plymouth to Boston to highlight the danger Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station poses to millions in Massachusetts.

The 43 year old reactor has experienced its fair share of shutdowns due to equipment failures and these events have labeled Pilgrim as one in five of the worst performers out of 99 nuclear reactors in the United States. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is increasing oversight at Pilgrim due to the frequency and number of events that plague this facility. This past winter, the severe storm "Juno" caused loss of offsite power (LOOP) putting the public yet again into another compromised situation. Had there been a radiological event during that storm no one would have been able to evacuate. Several feet of wind driven snow made roads impassable. The NRC should have ordered Pilgrim to shut down in preparation for what was predicted to be a historic storm but instead they ignored those warnings and the unplanned scram with mechanical problems could have resulted in a catastrophic outcome.

The marchers will end the four day journey at the State House TODAY (JUNE 16TH) IN BOSTON and will be joined by many supporters for a rally

