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Holtec plan

JUDITH CUMBLER [REDACTED]

Mon 7/24/2023 4:32 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Diane Turco [REDACTED]

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Thank you for the denial(temporary) of Holtec's plan. We on Cape Cod value our fishermen and the tourists keep us afloat. If the water is polluted with radioactive waste then our homes and professions become worthless. This is a special place with economic and ecological significance. It is also our home. Thank you. Sincerely, Judith K. Cumbler

Sent from my iPhone

Comment on permit denial for Holtec

Linde Ostro [REDACTED]

Tue 7/25/2023 8:51 AM

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As a resident of Cape Cod, I am writing to support MassDEP's denial of a permit for Holtec's planned discharge of tritiated and radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay. Such a discharge would violate the Ocean Sanctuaries Act and cause potential harm to the ecology of the Bay and all the people that use it.

Like thousands of others, we boat and fish on Cape Cod Bay and enjoy the beaches there. The benefits received by all of us would be severely diminished by Holtec's planned radioactive discharges.

Thank you for the permit denial.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

no dumping waste water from Pilgrim in cape cod bay!!

Nancy Bowen [REDACTED]

Tue 7/25/2023 9:23 AM

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I emphatically do not want waste water from Pilgrim Nuclear Power station dumped into cape cod bay! Do they know the whales feed and live there? Our eco system is under enough stress with global warming !

Sincerely,

Nancy R.E. Bowen

Comments can be submitted to MassDEP electronically at massdep.npdes@mass.gov. Written comments can be submitted to: MassDEP Surface Water Discharge Permitting Program, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

Holtec International will not be allowed to discharge industrial wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay if a draft decision announced Monday afternoon by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection becomes

Thank you for Pilgrim Power Plant decision

Nancy Fay [REDACTED]

Tue 7/25/2023 11:23 AM

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The Atlantic Ocean, Cape Cod Bay and Stellwagen National Bank Sanctuary THANK ALL INVOLVED!

How much more can our oceans handle? Thank you!!!

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Thank you for your efforts in preventing the discharge of radioactive wastewater into Cape Cod Bay



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Thank you Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for denying the permit modification sought by the company decommissioning the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to discharge up to 1.1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

How do we keep the federal permit from passing?

Thank you,
Teresa Dankel
Concerned Massachusetts Resident

Comment

Sayers, Stephen P. [REDACTED]

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Thank you Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for standing up to Holtec and their plan to dump radioactive wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. You have helped preserved the safety of our waters for generations to come. Your decision is applauded by so many who appreciate the natural beauty of our shorelines and the abundant wildlife that inhabit it. As someone who grew up in Falmouth and now owns property on Manomet Beach in Plymouth, I greatly appreciate the actions you have taken to support the environment. Thank you.

Steve

Stephen Sayers (he/him/his)

Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy



University of Missouri

"Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants."

-Michael Pollan

Plymouth Holtec

[REDACTED]

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to whom it may concern:

As a resident of Plymouth MA, I wish to voice my full support of the MADEP's tentative denial of Holtecs request to modify their discharge permit. This denial should be made permanent. .

The MADEP is correct In denying the appeal as the cited claims for exemption do not apply to holtec's decommissioning activities of this inactive generation plant.

There is also STRONG community opposition to allowing a single DROP of this radioactive industrial waste water being illegally discharged into the bay.

Please put a permanent stop to Holtecs plan to dump into our water.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Nuclear plant waste water

B Hannigan

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While I understand environmental concerns, if you want it gone stop getting in the way.
Brett Hannigan

Sent from my iPhone

Jolted dumping wast into cape cod bay

Mary Cosgrove [REDACTED]

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Please do not allow Holtec to do this. Let them dump it in their own backyard if they think it is a good thing to do. Please keep our o wan safe

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

How Could This Even Be Considered

Stephen Taylor [REDACTED]

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As a former employee of energy I am Pro Nuclear. IM ALSO STRONGLY AGAINST DUMPING THIS WATER INTO OUR OCEAN. Do not allow this. I grew up fishing this area with my family and want my children to be able to enjoy the same safe ocean I have. I will actively vote against any and all public officials that support dumping anything from this plant into our waterways.

Thank You,
Steve

STOP HOLTEC from dumping in Cape Cod Bay

Peter Duggan [REDACTED]

Wed 7/26/2023 4:32 AM

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Hello:

We wanted to pass along our thank you for the denial of the dumping in Cape Cod bay. Please continue to drive that decision home and please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you in this matter.

Thanks

Peter and Stacy Duggan

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Peter Duggan

President & CEO

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Ocean sanctuaries act

Mimi Laquerre [REDACTED]

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Thank you!

Mimi Laquerre
[REDACTED]

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Holtec International Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Sue [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Sue Carrai
[REDACTED]

Sue Carrai

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Holtec application to discharge wastewater into Cape Cod Bay

Gregory Williams [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple:

I concur with the draft decision of the Department of Environmental Protection to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. The Department's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which dictates that such discharges as the one Holtec seeks are prohibited.

I urge the Department to make final its draft decision, and deny Holtec's application, thereby preventing the release of Pilgrim's wastewater into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

H. Gregory Williams

[REDACTED]

Holtec International

Elizabeth Perkins [REDACTED]

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Please affirm the denial to Holtec International the permission to discharge radioactive waste into Cape Cod Bay. This discharge would be both illegal according to state law as well as detrimental to the health of the waters of Cape Cod Bay which is already struggling due to the effects of climate change, among other stressors (man-made nutrient waste, etc). Please do not allow Holtec to discharge their waste water into our ocean. Thank you.

Elizabeth F. Perkins
[REDACTED]

Deny dumping!

jennifra NORTON [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Jennifra Norton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

friendship improves happiness & abates misery by doubling our joys and dividing our grief.
Cicero

Ocean Sanctuaries Act **Today and Tomorrow**

Joan Lederman [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Joan Lederman
[REDACTED]

Holtec International

Paula Tredeau [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Paula C. Tredeau

[REDACTED]

Wastewater discharge

usan Genatossio [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Susan Genatossio
[REDACTED]

Wastewater Dumping in Cape Cod Bay

Barry Howes [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your time

Barry Howes

[REDACTED]

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deny Holtec International's permit application

Margaret Sulanowska [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Margaret Sulanowski
[REDACTED]

DEP Denial of Permit to Holtec

Larry Carr [REDACTED]

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Thank you, Lawrence Carr and Paula Gulbicki

[REDACTED]

--

Larry Carr

Concern of Holtec's Permit

Michelle Klein [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Michelle Klein

[REDACTED]

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Deny Holtec

Karen Cedrone [REDACTED]

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Thank you

Karen Cedrone
[REDACTED]

In support of DEP's denial of Holtec's dumping of wastewater into Cape Cod Bay

Rotter, Sari [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

As a pediatrician, I am concerned about the health and safety of Massachusetts' children

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Thank you,

Sari J Rotter, MD
[REDACTED]

she/her/hers

Holtec

Amy Eberhardt [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Amy Eberhardt

Harwich, MA

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Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Susan Holland [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Susan Holland

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jolted

carolyn parker [REDACTED]

Wed 7/26/2023 8:05 AM

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Really? Radio active pollution in our bay? NO NO NO NO!

Pilgrim Nuclear / Holtec ruling



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Thank you,

Mary Driscoll, West Dennis, MA

Holtec International

Josh Olsen [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Joshua Olsen
[REDACTED]

Opposition to Holtec Permit Application

Donna Garrabrant [REDACTED]

Wed 7/26/2023 8:32 AM

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

As a full time resident of Cape Cod, a Master Gardener, President of the Village Garden Club of Cape Cod, a member of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society, and the Director of the Southeast Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, I strongly agree with the DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,

Donna Garrabrant
[REDACTED]

Do Not Authorize Holtec's Water Release

Leonard DiLorenzo [REDACTED]

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I have lived on the Cape since 1973 and have seen the slow deterioration of its ponds and estuaries. We do not need to pollute the Bay also.

Thank you,
Leonard DiLorenzo

[REDACTED]

Holtec/Pilgrim Wastewater

William BENJAMIN [REDACTED] >

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

As a resident of Cape Cod and a concerned citizen, I strongly agree with DEP's recent draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are ***prohibited under state law***. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary. At a time when communities all across the Cape are devoting time and resources to improving water quality, it would be a major mistake to allow Holtec to discharge contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Thank you for your consideration.

William C. Benjamin
South Orleans, MA 02662

Public Comment re: Holtec dumping nuclear waste in Cape Cod Bay

Katherine Drazek [REDACTED]

Wed 7/26/2023 9:21 AM

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I bought my house in Mashpee in 2019 as a mere 26-year-old with high hopes and dreams of growing my family here over the next 30 years. Now I'm no environmental expert, but I am a concerned citizen, neighbor, and future mom who would like to protect future generations from having to clean up our mess.

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Thank you,

Katherine Drazek
[REDACTED]

Holtec denial of discharge

Helen Banevicius [REDACTED]

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Sincerely

Helen A Banevicius
[REDACTED]

Comment from citizen

Sharon Basco [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Sharon Basco Koch

Sharon Basco Koch
Truro, MA
[REDACTED]

Holtec Permit

Janet Kluever [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Janet M Kluever

[REDACTED]

Holtec and Cape Cod Bay

Cheri Dennen [REDACTED]

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Cape Cod has been and will be again my home. The absolutely wonderful thing about Cape Cod is how pristine it is kept. How little it changes over time. Never allow ANY corporation to dump radioactive waste into the Bay or any other waters surrounding the Cape! It is a marine sanctuary, much of the Cape is a protected National Park and it is a beloved sanctuary to people who love the Cape, both residents and visitors alike. This kind of activity (dumping wastewater of any kind) must never happen. I currently live in Florida where all kinds of wastewater has been dumped and now the beaches are unusable and contaminated and the native marine life is suffering. Please, protect Cape Cod.....for the environment, the marine life and the people. Don't let a corrupt corporation see it or use it as a dumping site for radioactive materials, or any other kind of materials. Preserve what must be preserved.

Sincerely,

Cheri Dennen

Former and future resident of Brewster, MA.

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Pilgrim Nuclear water NOT going into the ocean

Nancy Fay [REDACTED]

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THANK YOU!!!

Collective effort by all and a great thanks to Senator Markey for pushing this forward!

Atlantic Ocean
Cape Cod Bay
Stellwagen National Bank Sanctuary

ALL THANK YOU!!!!!!

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Deny Permit for discharge from Pilgrim Nuclear Plant

Westgates [REDACTED]

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Cc: Kristin Andres <kandres@apcc.org>

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

Cape Cod Bay is key to the viability of Massachusetts' commercial and recreational fisheries, endangered whales and a host of other species' habitat. Poisoning these waters with nuclear waste would do irreparable harm to this Commonwealth.

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I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,

Michael and Ann Westgate
Chatham, MA

Against Holtec

Erica Adams [REDACTED]

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In fact, the whole world is watching Holtec: Massachusetts Governor and both vacationing and sitting presidents; the international community of tourists and marine scientists, retirees and locals, alongside the fishing industry who all depend on clean drinking water and oceans safe enough to swim and fish.

APCC /Association to Preserve Cape Cod executive director Andrew Gottlieb describes the **Issue in brief**:

As part of the decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, an effort APCC supports, Holtec International has proposed discharging over a million gallons of radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection recently issued a preliminary denial of Holtec's permit application to discharge the wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. The denial is based on the Oceans Sanctuaries Act state law, which prohibits new industrial discharges of pollutants into Massachusetts waters designated as ocean sanctuaries.

APCC is fully committed to forcing Holtec to respect the law and to preventing the use of Cape Cod Bay as a dumping ground.

Cape Cod is a national test case for clean water with its high profile international population of marine scientists and activists, vacationing and sitting presidents alongside our Massachusetts governor, tourists and the tourist industry, retiree's and locals who came to Cape Cod and increasingly come to stay, for pristine nature and oceans: we all expect a clean environment.

Start here on Cape Cod, make us an example of how to move forward during climate change.

Thank you

Erica H. Adams
Retired Faculty, SMFA at Tufts University

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Holtec Intl

Barbara Panora [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Barbara Panora

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Correct following of the Ocean Sanctuaries Act RE: HOLTEC permit

Greg MacGilpin [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your time and diligence in this matter.

Sincerely,

Greg L. MacGilpin, Jr.

Brewster, MA

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MassDEP Surface Water Discharge Permitting Program

Brent Rish [REDACTED]

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My fiancée and I own property near the beach in Plymouth, MA and oppose any radiological waste water release into the ocean in this vicinity. That action would make it unsafe for beach goers (damaging tourism) as well as having the possibility of permanently spoiling the ecosystem which in turn would destroy the seafood industry, which New England and Plymouth are heavily dependent on. We would prefer if Holtec proposes other options (bury it in concrete away from a populated area, etc.) rather than ocean release of toxic waste near a thriving population and our ocean food source.

Thank you,

Brent Rish and Sara Moscaritolo
[REDACTED]

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Anita Palmer [REDACTED]

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Please approve the draft to prevent Holtec International from discharging industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

We must be more diligent in protecting our oceans, wildlife and environment. Unfortunately, some man-made decisions have impacted our environment negatively over many years. It is time that we become more aware of what these decisions are doing to the world.

There are other options for discharging wastewater and Holtec should explore those options even if it means more out-of-pocket expense for them. Protecting our environment is the most important consideration to be taken.

Anita Palmer

DENY Holtec International's permit application

Sally Brotman [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Please accept this form letter...I couldn't have stated this any better....

sally brotman, Truro, MA



Wastewater

Donna Devin [REDACTED]

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As a 50-year resident of Plymouth, I have loved everything about my beautiful hometown the beaches and all that's included in this area. I beg you to please don't allow the wastewater to be discharged into our beautiful ocean.

Sent from my iPhone

Mark C. O'Connor

July 26, 2023

E-MAIL ONLY

Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner
Massachusetts DEP
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Cape Cod Bay

Dear Commissioner Heiple:

The mission of the MassDEP is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources and ensure a clean and safe environment (land, air and water) for the citizens of the Commonwealth and future generations.

What this means is that the MassDEP must protect our precious and indispensable natural resources by preventing others from contaminating them and from engaging in any activity that has the potential of contaminating them.

To that end, I strongly support the MassDEP's initial determination denying Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay and a final determination that would deny such permit application to prevent Cape Cod Bay from being a dumping ground for such unsafe wastewater.

Clean water is a necessity and vital. The consequences of contamination of Cape Cod Bay are serious. It poses a significant public health risk and threatens to harm the ocean wildlife and the seafood that comes from the Cape Cod Bay. Our local economy, the fishing and shell fishing industries, and tourism will also be adversely affected. The reputational harm alone to Cape Cod Bay as toxic from the dumping of radioactive wastewater from an abandoned nuclear power plant would be severe and long lasting.

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Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner
Massachusetts DEP
July 26, 2023
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There are reasonable alternatives to dispose such wastewater without damaging our natural resources other than Holtec's preferred course of action (dumping 1.1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into Cape Cod Bay) which is driven solely by costs and the desire to maximize its shareholders' return. Holtec is seeking to profit at the expense of the Commonwealth, its citizens, our environment, and the Cape Cod economy.

Accordingly, to fulfill the agency's mission, the MassDEP must deny Holtec's permit application.

Respectfully,



Mark C. O'Connor

No dumping in Cape Cod Bay

Anne Moore [REDACTED]

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I oppose Holtec's plan to discharge radioactive waste into the bay. Cape Cod Bay is a protected ocean sanctuary under the state's Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which prohibits dumping industrial waste into protected state waters. Holtec must follow the MA laws and find another way to dispose of the radioactive waste.

Anne Moore
Brewster, MA

Holtec application to pollute Cape Cod Bay

David McElroy [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

David McElroy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A Response to the Recent Finding on the Holtec Wastewater Discharge

Boby Anderson [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

Thank you for this opportunity to give feedback on this issue of the wastewater discharge. Having lived here since 1948 and worked in my adult life towards keeping our waters as clean as possible, honestly, I appreciate it. I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,

Boby and Gary Anderson
[REDACTED]

Holtec Wastewater Discharge

Jennifer Bergen [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Jennifer Bergen
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Holtec

Jeff Bens 

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Thank you,

Jeff Bens

Falmouth, MA

Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Beth Casoni [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon,

The Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) respectfully submits this email of great concern regarding the decommissioning of the Pilgrim nuclear plant in Plymouth, MA by Holtec and the prospect of them dumping 1 million gallons of radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay is unconscionable.

In 2021, the 722 active commercial lobstermen here in the Commonwealth landed over 17 million pounds of lobster, with an economic value of 376 million dollars to the local economy. Without a clean and healthy ecosystem there would be no commercial lobster fishing industry here that provides a sustainable, healthy and clean protein to consumers. By allowing Holtec to dump ANY radioactive water into our pristine ecosystem is unconscionable and will jeopardize thousands of jobs here in the Commonwealth as well as the vast and diverse. Established in 1963, the MLA is a member-driven organization that accepts and supports the interdependence of species conservation and the members' collective economic interests.

Established in 1963, the MLA is a member-driven organization that accepts and supports the interdependence of species conservation and the members' collective economic interests. The membership is comprised of fishermen from North Carolina to Canada and encompasses a wide variety of gear types from fixed gear and mobile gear alike. The MLA continues to work conscientiously through the management processes with the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries, New England Fisheries Management Council, Northeast Regional Ocean Council, MA Coastal Zone Management and, the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management processes to ensure the continued sustainability and profitability of the resources in, which our fishermen are engaged in as well as their concerns and recommendations about OSW are heard.

Furthermore, there are numerous unintended consequences Holtec's actions will have that are unimaginable from; polluting our beautiful ocean and beaches with radioactive materials, the negative impacts on the 350 plus right whales who come to Cape Cod Bay that feed on the vast supply of copepods, the negative perception on tourism and the public who visit America's Home Town and the many coastal communities here in the Commonwealth, and on the commercial fishing industry as tourists and consumers alike will stop eating all of the delicious and nutritious seafood locally harvested. All of these negative impacts will be economically devastating around the region if Holtec is allowed to dump 1 million gallons of radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

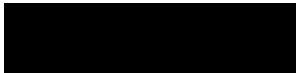
Kind regards,

Beth Casoni

Executive Director

Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association

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For keeping Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary a living, pure environment,

Lorri Devlin RN, BSN, MS

Thank you for protecting Cape Cod

Barbara Ravage [REDACTED]

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Good news at a time when it seems like there's nothing but bad news.

Please take the next step and make the decision final to prevent Holtec from endangering the lives and environment of Cape Cod by discharging wastewater from the Pilgrim site.

Holtec was less than honest about their plans when they took over decommissioning. They should be the ones to pay the price, not the communities surrounding Cape Cod Bay.

Gratefully,

Barbara Ravage
Orleans, MA

Holtec

Andre Gregory [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Andre Gregory

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Cindy Kleine [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Cindy Kleine

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M Karlson [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Molly Karlson

[REDACTED]

Holtec International permit application to discharge wastewater

Ward Ghory [REDACTED]

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Thank you

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Ward Ghory
[REDACTED]

Draft Determination to Deny Holtec International's permit application

Kerry Kew [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Kerry Kew
[REDACTED]

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Kerry Kew

Supporting Draft DEP Determination to Protect Cape Cod Bay

Andy Cancellieri [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Andrew Cancellieri

Scituate, Ma

Supporting Draft DEP Determination to Protect Cape Cod Bay

Jane Cancellieri [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Jane

Jane DiTommaso Cancellieri

[REDACTED]
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Peace cannot be kept by force; it can

only be achieved by understanding.~ Albert Einstein

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**Holtec**

Terry Varney 

Thu 7/27/2023 7:31 AM

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Thank you for doing the right thing and denying Holtec permits for dumping radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay. Our food chain, jobs and the economy of a resort area dependent on the ocean is too precious to sacrifice for a company to save money.

Terry Varney-Smith  
Hyannis, MA

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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## Prevent Holtec discharge of wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power station

Amy B Diamant 

Thu 7/27/2023 8:26 AM

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Please continue to support denial of Holtech's request to discharge radioactive wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. Our fragile environment on Cape Cod needs your protection from all forms of damage to public health, economic vitality and environment diversity of our communities.

I support and applaud all of our state leaders who call upon you to help us maintain a safe and beautiful legacy of environmental protection for our children. NOT ONE DROP

Amy Diamant  
Wellfleet, MA

Pilgrim discharge....

Mike Cancellieri [REDACTED]

Thu 7/27/2023 9:26 AM

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Thank you,

Mike Cancellieri

South Dennis, MA

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Regards,

Mike Cancellieri  
[REDACTED]

## Supporting Draft DEP Determination to Protect Cape Cod Bay

Jennifer Cancellieri [REDACTED]

Thu 7/27/2023 10:01 AM

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Thank you,

Jennifer Cancellieri

Scituate, MA

(No subject)

Domurat [REDACTED]

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Respectfully,  
Ron Domurat.

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

The draft decision has it right, the Ocean Sanctuaries Act is clear, DEP's action reflects the law and there is no other basis to do anything other than to finalize this decision. Send your comments to DEP by August 28th. Here's a sample message. Dear...

Richard Tredeau [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Richard Tredeau

[REDACTED]

7/27/23, 2:37 PM

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## Holtec discharge permit application

Terry Dayian [REDACTED]

Thu 7/27/2023 11:23 AM

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

Having spent most of my career in the SERO Drinking Water Program, and as a chemistry technician at a nuclear power plant prior to that, I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec's permit application to discharge wastewater from the Pilgrim plant into Cape Cod Bay.

I would urge you to finalize that draft decision and deny the permit to allow such wastewater discharge.

Thank you,

Therese Dayian  
[REDACTED]



## Holtec dumping radioactive water

Selden Tearse [REDACTED]

Thu 7/27/2023 11:33 AM

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Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support DEP's tentative decision to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Thank you for any support you can give this matter.

Best regards, Selden Tearse

[REDACTED]

## Deny Halter's Dumping

Jennifer Fiorentino [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Jennifer Fiorentino

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Holtec's discharge into the bay

Mary Ann Larkin [REDACTED]

Thu 7/27/2023 12:28 PM

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The very thought of putting contaminated water into the pristine treasure of Cape Cod bay is horrifying.

Mary Ann Larkin  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit .

Victoria J Coe [REDACTED]

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Cathy Coniaris

Mass DEP

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Boston, MA 02114

[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

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Sincerely,

Victoria J Coe, [REDACTED]

Author of books for children

[www.victoriajcoe.com](http://www.victoriajcoe.com)

## Hooted permit to discharge waste water into Cape Cod Bay.

Miguel Zamora [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Miguel Zamora

[REDACTED]

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Public comment on Holtec permit



JC

Jack Creighton

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP)



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Thank you,

Jack Creighton, Cape Cod Salties Sportfishing Club



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## Pilgrim Power Plant



RR

**Ralph Romano**

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP)



Thu 7/27/2023 4:05 PM

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Hello

This email is to support keeping Cape Cod Bay clean. I strongly support denying a permit for Holtec to dump nuclear waste in the bay. I grew up in Plymouth and am still a recreational boater in the bay. I do not see any positives coming out of this and Holtec would be the only ones benefiting from it.

DO NOT LET THEM DUMP NUCLEAR WASTE IN OUR WATERS.

Ralph Romano

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**Holtec**

Karen Falcone [REDACTED]

Thu 7/27/2023 4:45 PM

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Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit .

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Sincerely,  
Karen Falcone

[REDACTED]



## Deny Holtec's permit application

elaine Haffey [REDACTED]

Thu 7/27/2023 5:18 PM

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Regards,

Elaine Haffey  
Duxbury Resident

Sent from my iPhone

## Radioactive waste

Tom Richards [REDACTED]

Fri 7/28/2023 7:43 AM

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This can't be allowed let them use the water to fill their own private pools if they want.

## Opposition to radioactive waste...

Susan Oslund [REDACTED]

Fri 7/28/2023 8:51 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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I fully support your opposition to the discharge permit application for the radioactive waste from the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, MA (Holtec International). Our oceans and lakes are being tortured with pollution and the effects of global warming... adding radioactive wastewater from the abandoned nuclear power plant would be a travesty. Human beings are the caretakers of the earth and who have so far failed it in so many ways.

So please, please do not approve the dumping of radioactive waste in Cape Bay, or anywhere.

[REDACTED]

**Robert W. Dennis Jr.  
Registered Structural Engineer**



**Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner  
Massachusetts DEP  
100 Cambridge St.  
Boston, Ma 02114**

**RE: Radioactive Waste – Cape Cod Bay**

**Dear Commissioner Heiple,**

**I recently learned of a permit application by Holtec International to dump 1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant into Cape Cod Bay.**

**Such an action could pose significant public health risk and potentially harm ocean wildlife.**

**I urge you to deny the application.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Dennis  
PE**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Dennis".

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Jewel Blake [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Jewel Blake

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – DEP’s Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec’s Application for a Modified Permit**

Henrietta Cosentino [REDACTED]

Fri 7/28/2023 1:58 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Henrietta Cosentino [REDACTED]; Don Cosentino [REDACTED]

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Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
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[massdep\\_npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep_npdes@mass.gov)

Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – DEP’s Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec’s Application for a Modified Permit

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

We applaud the DEP’s tentative decision to deny Holtec’s application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit. The proposal to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay was not just disrespectful. It also ignored the law.

The Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act prohibits the “dumping or discharge of commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste” into an Ocean Sanctuary. The proposed discharge is clearly industrial waste, and clearly illegal. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries. The Mass Ocean Sanctuaries Act protects them all.

Although Holtec will no doubt try to find ways around this ruling, we trust that the Department’s final determination will be to deny Holtec’s application.

Donald and Henrietta Cosentino  
[REDACTED]

## Cape Cod Bay and Pilgrim Plant

Daphne Northrop [REDACTED]

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I salute the DEP's denial of a permit for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to discharge radioactive wastewater into the Cape Cod Bay. Radioactive wastewater is indeed "industrial waste."  
Well Done.



## Holtec International

Catherine Jones [REDACTED]

Fri 7/28/2023 6:04 PM

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Dear members,

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not allow Holtec to dump ANY waste from the old Pilgrim plant into our MA waters. I am sure the alternatives are more expensive but clean safe ocean water is way too important to play around with. You know the reasons why.

Thank you!

**Holtec**

[REDACTED]

Fri 7/28/2023 6:08 PM

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I do not want to see Holtec permitted to dump waste water into Cape Cod Bay- not ever!

Thank you for taking comments.

Reilly Pavia, Orleans MA.

## Holtec Discharge



Fri 7/28/2023 7:39 PM

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I strongly oppose Holtec discharging radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

Kathleen M. Folding  
Dennisport, MA

## Holtec discharge

Bob Jensen [REDACTED]

Fri 7/28/2023 9:39 PM

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As a property owner and taxpayer in the state for over 50 years, I am writing to request Holtec not be allowed to dump radioactive waste in our waterways.

I have noticed with distress the depletion of fish stock, the rising of ocean temperatures, whale populations decreasing, pollution increasing, and other disastrous changes. As it is, dead horse shoe crabs litter Cape Cod beaches -- another disaster, the effects of which are not even understood yet. The absolutely last thing we need is another potentially catastrophic agent in our waters

The Fukushima event did irreparable harm: <https://www.whoi.edu/oceanus/feature/fukushima-disaster-response/> Why should a corporation be allowed to hurt the delicate ecosystem of our shores?

Please do not allow nuclear waste to be dumped in Massachusetts.

Thank you

Bob Jensen

## Bolted

Barbara Gaughan [REDACTED]

Sat 7/29/2023 7:25 AM

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I strongly support the MassDEP's denial of Holtec's permit application to discharge wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant into Cape Cod Bay.

Contaminating the Bay is preposterous. Public health and safety and environmental justice should be prioritized over a company's bottom line.

Respectfully,  
Barbara M Gaughan  
Sandwich, MA homeowner

Sent from my iPad

## Stop Holtec

[REDACTED]

Sat 7/29/2023 9:40 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a North Truro, MA resident, directly in the line of fire that Holtec proposes poisoning with the discharge from the Plymouth Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. I am appalled at the sheer gall of Holtec officials and their reckless way of handling decommissioning. I am also unnerved at their audacity and dogged pursuit to spoil our ocean environment even in the face of public pressure from citizens and our elected officials.

It is my understanding that when Holtec took on the responsibility of decommissioning Pilgrim, it also became the recipient of the rate payers' trust fund of more than a billion dollars in order to do so. It seems to me that simply dumping the waste into Cape Cod Bay is how they intend to keep as much of that money for themselves rather than to decommission the plant in a responsible and environmentally safe and sensible way - even if it is more expensive.

Their cheap and dirty plan must be stopped and it is within the power of the MA DEP to do so!

Sincerely,  
Laurie Veninger

[REDACTED]

no radioactive waste in our waters....

Kathleen Johnson Miller [REDACTED]

Sat 7/29/2023 12:16 PM

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*Dear Commissioner Heiple,*

*I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary. This sanctuary must be kept clean and safe as protected by law. I hope DEP will finalize this decision for the bay's sake and all the life that is part of it.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kathleen Miller*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*A lifelong coastal inhabitant*

## Waste water disposal to Cape Cod Bay from decommissioning of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

robert butler [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

This is in complete support of the Mass DEP denial of a permit to Holtec International to discharge Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station decommissioning waste water to Cape Cod Bay.

I was a resident of Massachusetts until 1985 and was the Boston Edison Company engineer that located and evaluated the Plymouth site to be used for the construction and operation of the Pilgrim plant. Boston Edison recommended the site location to the original land owners, the Town, the State and Federal regulators on the basis of safety and environmental protection, including Cape Cod Bay.

It is now essential that Mass DEP deny this permit to Holtec for discharge of decommissioning waste water to the Bay.

Thank you,

Robert M. Butler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



Jeffrey Dennis



July 29, 2023

Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner  
Massachusetts DEP  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Cape Cod Bay

Dear Commissioner Heiple:

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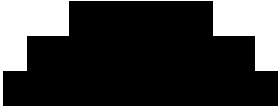
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Respectfully,  
Jeffrey Dennis

*Christine Dennis*



July 29, 2023

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Respectfully,

Christine Dennis

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*123 Street Name Heree*  
*Town, MA 02563*  
*Youremailhere@email.com*

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The waters of Cape Cod Bay are vital to our local economy, fishing, shell fishing industries, tourism, natural habitat, eco-systems, and wildlife including endangered right whales. Many species health, wellbeing and existence are directly linked to this fragile and indispensable natural resource.

Any potential contamination, especially that proposed by Holtec, would be devastating and pose significant long term health risk and threatens the very existence of what the commonwealth holds so dear.

Your strong message of denial to Holtec, or anyone else that would engage in harmful and threatening behavior, must always take precedence over the desire for corporate greed. Profiting at the expense of the commonwealth, its citizens, the environment, and the Cape Cod economy is wrong and should not be allowed. Reasonable wastewater disposal alternatives exist that do not threaten our natural resources.

As a major environmental stakeholder and environmental law enforcer, MassDEP is making a strong statement about its desire, commitment, and obligation to ensure a clean and safe environment for all citizens and future generations.

Please let common sense prevail, do the right thing, fulfill the MassDEP's mission and deny Holtec's permit application.

Respectfully,

Don Clay

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[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - Request for Hearing

[REDACTED]  
Sun 7/30/2023 12:19 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Heiple, Bonnie (DEP) <Bonnie.Heiple@mas  
<lealdon.langley@mass.gov>; 'Mary Lampert' [REDACTED]; 'James Lampert'  
[REDACTED]

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James B. Lampert  
Mary E. Lampert  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

July 30, 2023

Cathy Coniaris  
Mass DEP  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

We are writing to request a hearing pursuant to 314 CMR 2.07.

We are both members of the Town of Duxbury Nuclear Advisory Committee (Ms. Lampert is co-chair), the Commonwealth's Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (NDCAP) and Pilgrim Watch (Ms. Lampert is its director).

Mr. Lampert is a graduate of MIT and Harvard Law School. Ms. Lampert has been involved in nuclear safety issues – including the storage and disposal of High and Low Level Radioactive Waste, Pilgrim's relicensing, and the transfer of Pilgrim's licenses from Entergy to Holtec – for more than 30 years.

Pursuant to 314 CMR 2.07(1), we request that DEP determine that a public hearing with respect to Holtec's application would be in the public interest, and schedule and conduct such a hearing in Plymouth, MA.

We also ask that, if there is a public hearing, the public comment period be extended to a date not less than ten (10) business days after the conclusion of the public hearing. See 314 CMR 2.07(5)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please confirm receipt of this request, and let us know if a public hearing is scheduled.

James B. Lampert

Mary E. Lampert

[REDACTED]

Tel:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

## Deny Holtec's permit application

Lauren Richmond [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

We strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. We urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] and Bruce Deely

[REDACTED]

## Holtec danger



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As a Plymouth senior lifelong resident I implore you to not allow unlawful greedy dumping of radioactive wastewater into our sanctuary

It seems as if Holtec is trying every conceivable method to find their way around our environmental protection laws.

Please keep our waters, sea creatures, animals and residents safe.

Kathleen Armany

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## Please Deny Holtec Permit -- Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Kevin Weafer [REDACTED]

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Cathy Coniaris

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. MassDEP's tentative determination that requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries. **The proposed discharge is therefore illegal.** Because the proposed discharge is illegal, the Department's final determination should deny Holtec's application. Thank you.

Sincerely (very) concerned citizen,  
Kevin

--

Kevin A. Weafer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Power Plant radioactive waste

Joan Caputo [REDACTED]

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I am hoping that this agreement will be ratified. A solution less destructive to our environment has to be found. Preserve Cape Cod Bay. Joan Caputo. Chatham

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – DEP’s Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec’s Application for a Modified Permit

Lee Marchant [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am a very concerned resident of Plymouth, MA and am writing in support of the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) to deny Holtec’s application for a modified surface water discharge permit allowing it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Mass DEP’s tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the “dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste” into an ocean sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries. The proposed discharge is therefore illegal.

Because the proposed discharge is illegal, the Department’s final determination should deny Holtec’s application.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lee S. Marchant

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station-DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Jo-Anne Wilson-Keenan [REDACTED]

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Cathy Coniaris

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

massdep.npdes@mass.gov

Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

*Dear Ms Coniaris*

*Our home is in East Dennis, and I am deeply concerned about the possibility of Holtec dumping over a million gallons of radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. A study of the flow of the water published last year by Dr. Irina Rypina of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution suggests that there is "high likelihood to encounter wastewaters in the bay offshore of Dennis" creating a grave threat to our health, environment, marine life, and blue economy.*

*Therefore, I am writing to support the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge that wastewater into the bay.*

*MassDEP's tentative determination that requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge of commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries." The proposed discharge is therefore illegal.*

*Because the proposed discharge is illegal, the Department's final determination should deny Holtec's application.*

*Thank you,*

Jo-Anne Wilson-Keenan  
[REDACTED]

Jo-Anne Wilson-Keenan, Ed.D.  
Keenan Literacy and Learning  
[REDACTED].com



*Resistance is a revolt of the heart and mind against an invader who violates human rights...*

Genevieve de Gaulle

*Quaerens lucem*

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

William Geary [REDACTED]

Mon 7/31/2023 2:12 PM

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Attn: Cathy Coniaris

I am writing to emphatically support the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries. The proposed discharge is therefore illegal.

Because the proposed discharge is illegal and will irrevocably inflict harm on the health of Cape Cod Bay and its economy, the Department's final determination should be to deny Holtec's application.

Thank you!

William E. Geary

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Holtec release of radioactive water

Steve Waller [REDACTED]

Mon 7/31/2023 3:49 PM

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I strongly oppose the plan to pollute our waters with radioactive materials. DEP was correct to deny permission for Holtec's dangerous proposal.

Steve Waller, MD  
Centerville



Ms.Cathy Coniaris  
Massachusetts DEP  
100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I write to you as Chair of the Board at Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility in opposition to **the proposed release of Plymouth Power plant tritiated hydrogen waste by the company, Holtec.**

Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility is a physician-led group of health professionals and community members working to address the twin existential threats to human health: nuclear weapons development and climate change. Our members include nationally recognized experts in public health, cancer epidemiology, occupational medicine, environmental health, emergency medicine and disaster preparedness.

#### **Summary statement:**

The National Academies and all U.S. regulatory agencies (e.g., EPA) all say **the best evidence is that risk from radiation exposure is linear with dose, with no threshold below which there is no risk.** The National Academies and the agencies estimate that 10 rem, for example, would produce a cancer in roughly every hundredth person exposed, a risk that is 100 to 10,000 times the longstanding acceptable risk range. Releasing this radioactive contaminated water is a risk to health and safety –and an unacceptable one.

#### **A brief history**

One of GBPSR's members is Dr. Dick Clapp, Professor Emeritus at the Boston University School of Public Health and former MA state cancer epidemiologist. Professor Clapp shared with me that the Massachusetts cancer registry was created in 1980 in part due to the excess number of cancer cases and excess mortality that arose in proximity to Pilgrim nuclear power plant. There was, he says, an increased signal for leukemia from the time the Plymouth reactor first went into operation: Clapp found



fourfold excess leukemia cases among nuclear power plant workers. According to Clapp, the Plymouth plant was the worst in the US nuclear industry in terms of over-exposure of workers to radiation at the time; and a case control study that he carried out also showed increased infant mortality, thyroid cancer and leukemia. Leukemia was 75% more frequent in 1982-84 in that community, an effect that was attributable to the presence of the nuclear plant.

Now that the plant is decommissioned, the new operator, Holtec, wishes to dispose of over a million gallons of radioactive waste water from the holding pools into Cape Cod Bay. What are the health risks of this action? There are several.

1. Risks to marine life—one of the known radioactive contaminants in this water, tritium, can achieve concentrations in mussels and benthic fish 1000 times higher than the HTO concentration in the water;
2. Risks to humans—both from ingesting fish and molluscs, since the increased radioactivity will travel up the food chain; and via direct assimilation from swimming in and absorbing radioactive water.
3. Unknown but certain health risks due to cumulative effects with other pollutants, which will be magnified because this radioactive material will persist in the environment for more than a century;
4. Unknown effects of other radioactive isotopes that might be present in the waste water—present at levels below the limits of detection of tests used by Holtec, but nevertheless with the capacity to harm health.

### **Tritium—Background**

Tritium is the radioactive isotope of hydrogen. Because the tritium atom can exchange with hydrogen in organic molecules like water, it makes water radioactive. Tritium is unique in this. Since it makes water radioactive, that means that whatever living organisms absorb that water—plants, animals, essentially, our food—will likewise become radioactive—as will we, since that radioactivity will move right up the food chain into humans.

Tritium has a relatively short half life—12.5 years. Materials with very short half-lives, like iodine-131 (8 days), are intensely radioactive. For a given mass, for instance, tritium is about 150,000 times as radioactive, in terms of disintegrations per unit time, as plutonium-239. Tritium is **a persistent pollutant: it is estimated** to persist in the environment for up to 130 years. It is a potent pollutant: very little of it is required to contaminate water to the EPA limit: just one teaspoon of tritiated water (as HTO) would contaminate about 100 billion gallons of water to the U.S. drinking water limit.

Tritium is particularly problematic because, unlike most other radioactive contaminants, it cannot be filtered out of the water since it is incorporated into the water molecule.

### **Health effects**

The negative health effects of radiation have long been recognized, but I think it is important to recognize how even a small amount of radiation exposure can have significant health consequences. Dr. Alice Stewart's work in England in the 1960s made clear the harms of radiation exposure to the developing fetus: she showed that a single maternal x-ray in a pregnant woman (which used to be a standard practice until the 1980s to determine the position of a fetus) *doubled* the risk of subsequent childhood leukemia in the child.

One x-ray is equivalent to 2 millirem of radiation. The allowed level of radiation from tritium (MCL or maximum contamination level), according to EPA, is 4 millirem a year, or two chest x-rays a year.

Tritium is in a way a more insidious form of radiation than that from a chest x ray: it is a so-called internal emitter—which means, *according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, that it has a greater ability to penetrate tissues*, because it is readily incorporated into the body. It is taken up *especially avidly by the respiratory passages, bone surfaces, and in bone marrow*. It crosses the placenta and concentrates in the fetus at higher levels than in the mother. According to Argonne National Laboratory: Ingested tritium oxide is also almost completely absorbed, moving quickly from the gastrointestinal tract to the bloodstream. Within minutes it is found in varying concentrations in body fluids, organs, and other tissues.

There are few studies of the human health effects of tritium alone because in general it keeps company with many other potent radioactive isotopes. But the clinical studies that do exist have shown signals for increased leukemia, prostate and kidney cancer; and in vitro data in animal models show various biological effects known to trigger cancer including DNA strand breaks, cell death or apoptosis and chromosomal abnormalities. A recent study of tritiated water in human umbilical vein endothelial cells likewise showed significant cellular damage, with increased cell death; decreased cell adhesion (which is required for healthy blood vessels) and decreased ability to form new blood vessels.

### **No safe level of radiation exposure**

Like other environmental pollutants like the air pollutant PM 2.5, and heavy metals like lead and the volatile organic compound benzene, there is no threshold for the negative

health effects of radiation. The scientific consensus is that every additional exposure to radiation adds to the total risk for genetic damage and thus for cancers like leukemia; increased radiation necessarily implies increased incidence of these diseases in exposed populations. For solid cancers, the risk for cancer from radiation is linearly proportional to exposure.

No threshold or "safe dose" of tritium has been scientifically established for any of these effects.

**For all of these reasons**, UN experts opposed the Japanese decision to release radioactive waste water at Fukushima: in addition to tritium, they are concerned that the water may contain quantities of radioactive carbon-14, as well as other radioactive isotopes including strontium-90.

### **Above all do no harm: time to ask to call for a universal Hippocratic Oath?**

In 1997, the Director of the EPA Office of Radiation and Indoor air, Ramona Trovato, declared: "To put it bluntly, radiation should not be treated as a privileged pollutant. You and I should not be exposed to higher risks from radiation sites than we should be from sites which ... contained any other environmental pollutant. " (April 12,1997)

What did she mean by that? She meant that –then, as now–the guidelines for radioactive pollution allow for 1 excess cancer for every hundred people exposed. That is 100-10,000 times the standard acceptable risk level for all other carcinogens.

To protect public health, we as a society have an obligation to "above all do no harm" by preventing exposure of our fellow humans to highly hazardous substances and to protect the marine environment to which human health and wellbeing is so closely tied.

It is clear that the radioactive isotopes in this water have the potential to move up the food chain and affect plant life, fish and humans. The radioactive hazards of tritium could pose risks to humans and the environment for over 100 years and those negative health effects will be magnified by other pollutants that have overlapping toxicities. As the former EPA director stated, treating radiation as a privileged pollutant is harmful to health. According to Professor Dick Clapp, "There is no safe level of radiation exposure, so no additional releases to the Plymouth harbor are warranted."

There is no need to repeat history here. The lessons of the early years of this reactor are fresh enough—and should be paid heed. This community deserves better. Releasing

this radioactive contaminated water is a risk to health and safety –and as Dr. Clapp has said—an unacceptable one.

For these many health reasons, I urge you to oppose Holtec's plan to release tritiated water into Cape Cod Bay, because this action would actively harm health.

Sincerely,



Brita E. Lundberg, M.D.  
Chair of the Board,  
Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility

[Redacted]

## References

Arjun Makhijani has written extensively on the under-appreciated risks from tritium, most recently: <https://ieer.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Exploring-Tritium-Dangers.pdf>

[http://www.ccnr.org/tritium\\_1.html](http://www.ccnr.org/tritium_1.html)

<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML0609/ML060960589.pdf>

EPA on tritium

Clapp, Richard et al

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/255560779\\_Leukemia\\_and\\_other\\_health\\_outcomes\\_in\\_the\\_vicinity\\_of\\_the\\_Pilgrim\\_Nuclear\\_Power\\_Station\\_Plymouth\\_MA](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/255560779_Leukemia_and_other_health_outcomes_in_the_vicinity_of_the_Pilgrim_Nuclear_Power_Station_Plymouth_MA)

### **Additional important facts:**

Background radiation is not innocuous and has known health effects. According to BEIR VII, 4% of the population will get cancer from background radiation alone. Given a US population of ~300 million, that means that about 12 million people will get cancer from background radiation alone.

### **How that number is calculated:**

We get about 350 millirem per year from background. Over a lifetime, say 70 years, that is 24,500 millirem, or 24.5 rem. BEIR VII gives the cancer risk as  $1.16 \times 10^{-3}$  excess cancers per person-rem of exposure, a key #.  $24.5 \text{ rem} \times 1.16 \times 10^{-3} = .04$ ; or 4% of the population will get a cancer from background radiation alone.

Thus, in a US population of ~300 million, **about 12 million of us will get cancer from background radiation.** And every additional amount of radiation on top of background levels adds to the risk.

The National Academies and all U.S. regulatory agencies (e.g., EPA) all say **the best evidence is that risk is linear with dose, with no threshold below which there is no risk.** The National Academies and the agencies estimate that 10 rem would produce a cancer in roughly every hundredth person exposed, a risk that is 100 to 10,000 times the longstanding acceptable risk range.

Radiation from medical procedures roughly equals that from background over the U.S. population.

The nuclear industry misleads when it compares their doses to background, as though it is harmless merely because background exposures are inescapable.

## Holtec International discharge issue

Ann Fleck-Henderson [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 8:53 AM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I write in support of DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay.

DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law.

**I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision** and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,

Ann Fleck-Henderson  
South Orleans, MA

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

pat hughes [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 10:39 AM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on regulating the discharge of effluent from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant.

I understand that the NRC has authority over nuclear power plants; however Mass DEP has the responsibility and authority to regulate the discharge of pollutants into Massachusetts waters. The Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act provides further restrictions and prohibitions on activities that would impact Cape Cod Bay.

I urge DEP to prohibit HOLTEC from discharging pollutants associated with the de-commissioning of the plant. There is NO environmental benefit to allowing the discharge to occur; in fact I believe there will be negative environmental and economic impacts from this action.

Thank you, Pat

Pat Hughes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Power Plant

Candia Romano [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 11:17 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Please keep Cape Cod Bay clean. Deny permit for Holtec to dump!!!!

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## Holtec Discharge

Stephen Folding [REDACTED]

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To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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I strongly oppose Holtec discharging radioactive water into Cape Cod bay.

Stephen A. Folding

## Surface Water Discharge Permit

Paula Myles [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 2:35 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Commissioner Heiple:

I strongly approve of the DEP draft determination to deny the permit application for Holtec International to dump wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. . I believe that the Ocean Sanctuaries Act is clear, and that DEP's action correctly reflects that law.

As a Cape Cod resident for over 50 years, I implore DEP to finalize its draft decision, which is based on state law, and issue a permit-denial that will prevent Holtec from releasing its nuclear wastewater into our Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

With thanks,

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Carol Seibert [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 3:51 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Carol Seibert [REDACTED]

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I am writing on behalf of the entire membership of the Brookline League of Women Voters. We fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) draft decision to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This tentative denial is correctly based on the DEP legal determination that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. We urge you to fully deny the permit to uphold state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you.

Carol Seibert

[REDACTED] men Voters

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

JOHN MILLER [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 4:42 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Because the proposed discharge is illegal, the Department's final determination should deny Holtec's application.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

-JD Miller  
Scituate, MA

## public comments?

Diane Turco [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 6:12 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Ms. Coniaris,

Will the public comments regarding the DEP determination that the Holtec-Pilgrim Waste Water Discharge permit is tentatively denied be posted on the DEP website? If so, will the postings be as the date received or after the close date for comments on August 28? thank you, Diane Turco, Cape Downwinders

## DEP Draft to deny Holtec- Pilgrim's Permit

LAWRENCE DELAFIELD [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 6:34 PM

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Thank you,

Larence H. and Margaret M. Delafield

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Pls deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive water into C.C. Bay**

Janice Leary [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 7:36 PM

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Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to fully deny the permit to uphold state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,

Janice P.Leary, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

Valerie Peck [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 8:58 PM

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Attn. Cathy Coniaris,      Regarding the D.E.P's Tentative Determination to Deny  
Holtec's                              Application for a Modified Permit.

I support the tentative decision by the Mass D.E.P. to deny Holtec's application for looking to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Cape Cod Bay is an ocean sanctuary which the people of South East Mass are fortunate to have for swimming, fishing, or just plain relaxing. The ocean is home to a large number of water dwellers, fish, turtles, dolphins etc. and a variety of birds stop there on their migration routes. This is an essential area for many life forms.

Because the discharge is illegal, the Department's final determination should be to deny Holtec's application.

Thank you.

Valeri  
[REDACTED]

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## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant

Tim Mugherini [REDACTED]

Tue 8/1/2023 10:30 PM

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I am writing in to offer my support of the Massachusetts DEP's decision to draft a denial to Holtec's request for permit modification allowing for the dumping of waste water into Cape Cod bay.

As a Plymouth resident, avid angler, and advocate for Cape Cod's natural resources, it was concerning that Holtec would even consider such a solution to the disposal of the waste water.

Thank you for your work here. You have my full support.

Respectfully

Tim Mugherini

[REDACTED]

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Tim Mugherini

## Holtec discharge

Bob Guillemette [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 4:20 AM

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[Thank You](#)

Bob Guillemette

**please don't allow Pilgrim wastewater into Cape Cod Bay**

Amy Meltzer [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 5:38 AM

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Thank you,

Amy Meltzer  
Cambridge MA

While I am not from Cape Cod, the health of our environment affects everyone!

## Cape Cod Bay

Kristine Goodwin [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 5:54 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Bruce Goodwin [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

We recently purchased a home in Yarmouth Port. We regularly swim in the Cape Cod Bay and have for years. There are thousands of children who splash in these waters all summer long. The recent shark activity on the ocean side already limits water activities on Cape Cod. The Ocean Sanctuaries Act is meant to protect our ecosystems. Therefore we strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Most sincerely,  
Kristine C. Goodwin  
Bruce J. Goodwin

[REDACTED]

## Holtec discharge

Stanley Selkow [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 6:02 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Deb Selkow [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

*Stanley Selkow and Deborah Selkow*

[REDACTED]

## Support for draft decision to deny the discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay

Jeff Provost [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

[REDACTED]

## Cape Cod Bay

Kathy Warburton [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,  
Kathy Warburton  
Orleans, MA*

## Deny Holtec Internationals application

Christina Gannon [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

Christina Gannon  
[REDACTED]



**Holtec**

Ann Courtney [REDACTED]

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*I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power .*

*Thank you,  
Ann Courtney*

[REDACTED]

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## In Support of the Holtec Denial

Rick Francolini [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

Rick Francolini  
[REDACTED]

## Cape Cod Bay!

Amy Harbeck [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

*Amy Harbeck*  
[REDACTED]

(No subject)

John Garvey [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]

## Defending Cape Cod Bay

Amy DuFault [REDACTED]

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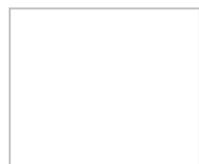
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Thank you,

A  
[REDACTED]

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Director of Communications & Partnerships, [Botanical Colors](#)  
Co-Founder, [Southeastern New England Fibershed](#)  
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## Discharge of wastewater from Pilgrim nuclear power plant

Isabel Goldman [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 7:25 AM

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I recently read about the Department of Environmental Protection's draft decision regarding wastewater discharge from the decommissioning Pilgrim nuclear power plant. I strongly agree with the draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one Holtec wishes to pursue are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you.

Best,

Isabel

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Isabel Goldman  
[REDACTED]

## Do not allow Holtec to discharge radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay!

JANET CRYSTAL [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 7:32 AM

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I strongly agree with and support DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,  
Janet Crystal  
Hyannis MA

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary

Craig Maser [REDACTED]

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Thank you,  
Craig A. Maser

[REDACTED]



## Deny Holtec's dumping!

Steve Carter [REDACTED]

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*Respectfully,*

Steve Carter  
[REDACTED]

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## Deny Holtec International's Permit Application

Michelle David [REDACTED]

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Thank you,  
Michelle David

[REDACTED]

**Please care!**

Jackie Corso [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,  
Jacqueline Corso*

[REDACTED]

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**Holtec**

Lori Peterman [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 8:16 AM

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*Thank you,*

*L*

[REDACTED]

## Holtec

Suzanne Cheverie-Pugh [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,  
Suzanne Cheverie-Pugh*

[REDACTED]

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## Cape Cod Bay & Holtec International

Erin Terkelsen Copeland [REDACTED]

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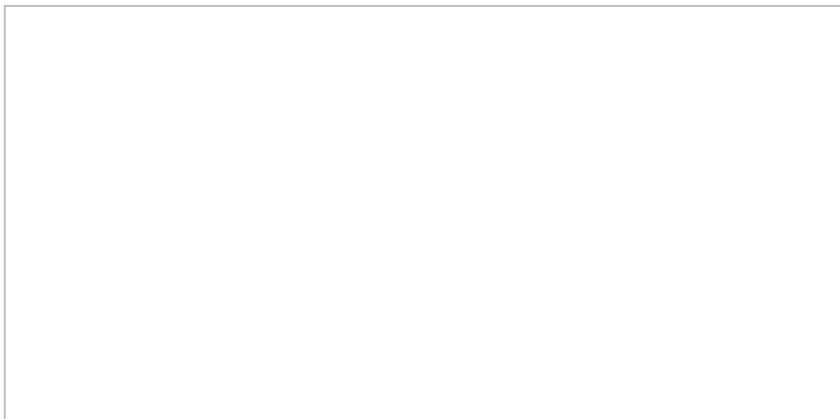
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Thank you,

Erin Terkelsen Copeland

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## DEP draft determination on Holtec Permit

Janet Kluever [REDACTED]

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Janet Kluever  
[REDACTED]

## discharge of waste water into Cape Cod Bay

Sandra Thompson [REDACTED]

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Thank you,  
Sandra Thompson

[REDACTED]

[Your Address] Sandra Thompson

[REDACTED]



## Pilgrim Wastewater Release

Ellie Zucker [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,  
Ellie Zucker*

[REDACTED]

## Draft Determination re: Holtec

Garry Wyckoff [REDACTED]

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*Garry & Anne Wyckoff*

[REDACTED]

**Please keep Cape Cod Bay healthy!**

Maria Sauzier [REDACTED]

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Thank you,  
Maria Sauzier

[REDACTED]

## Draft Determination, Holtec

Dan Horn [REDACTED]

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Thank you,  
Daniel J. Horn

[REDACTED]

## In defense of Cape Cod Bay

Claire [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

*Claire F Ketelaar*

[REDACTED]

**pilgrim plant**

SHERM PALAN [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 12:50 PM

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do not allow Holtec to dump radioactive waste water into Cape Cod Bay.

Sherman Palan  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Plant

SHERM PALAN [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*  
Beverly Palan

[REDACTED]

## Dumping in Cape Cod Bay



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I'm all for clean, reliable energy production.

Nuclear plants have been promoted as clean energy, and in a way that's correct.

However, what has been overlooked is what to do with the waste products at the end of the plant's life time.

As a Cape Cod resident and a person dedicated to environmental safety and protection I oppose Holtec's dumping of radioactive water into the Bay.

Barb Lambdin  
So. Dennis, MA



## HELP DEFEND CAPE COD BAY

MAUREEN WOODSUM [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 1:01 PM

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As a lifelong visitor, with family, friends who live on this beautiful peninsula, we must protect and preserve the Cape.

*Thank you,*

Maureen Woodsum

[REDACTED]

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## Cape Cod Bay

Marlyse Pikul [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 1:51 PM

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Marlyse Pikul



July 26, 2023

Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner  
Massachusetts DEP  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
Re: Cape Cod Bay

Dear Commissioner Heiple:

The mission of the MassDEP is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources and ensure a clean and safe environment (land, air and water) for the citizens of the Commonwealth and future generations.

What this means is that the MassDEP must protect our precious and indispensable natural resources by preventing others from contaminating them and from engaging in any activity that has the potential of contaminating them.

To that end, I strongly support the MassDEP's initial determination denying Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay and a final determination that would deny such permit application to prevent Cape Cod Bay from being a dumping ground for such unsafe wastewater.

Clean water is a necessity and vital. The consequences of contamination of Cape Cod Bay are serious. It poses a significant public health risk and threatens to harm the ocean wildlife and the seafood that comes from the Cape Cod Bay. Our local economy, the fishing and shell fishing industries, and tourism will also be adversely affected. The reputational harm alone to Cape Cod Bay as toxic from the dumping of radioactive wastewater from an abandoned nuclear power plant would be severe and long lasting.

There are reasonable alternatives to dispose such wastewater without damaging our natural resources other than Holtec's preferred course of action (dumping 1.1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into Cape Cod Bay) which is driven solely by costs and the desire to maximize its shareholders' return. Holtec is seeking to profit at the expense of the Commonwealth, its citizens, our environment, and the Cape Cod economy.

Accordingly, to fulfill the agency's mission, the MassDEP must deny Holtec's permit application.

Respectfully,

Marlyse Pikul

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## Comments on the DEP's draft determination

Laurie Keeran [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I am writing today to voice my feelings about the DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. **I could not agree more strongly with the DEP**, and cannot imagine that anyone who loves this part of New England, and particularly Cape Cod, would disagree.

DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law.

I strongly urge the DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,  
Laurie M. Keeran

[REDACTED]

## Deny Holtec Int. . Permit

Ellen D'Ovidio [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

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[REDACTED]

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wastewater

patty tun [REDACTED]

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*thank you,  
patricia tun*

[REDACTED]

*"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."*

— John Wooden

*At every moment, we always have a choice, even if it feels as if we don't. Sometimes that choice may simply be to think a more positive thought.*

*Tina Turner*

## Plymouth Nuclear Power Station

Valerie Peck [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 3:31 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Attn. Cathy Coniaris,      Regarding the D.E.P's Tentative Determination to Deny  
Holtec's                              Application for a Modified Permit.

I support the tentative decision by the Mass D.E.P. to deny Holtec's application for looking to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Cape Cod Bay is an ocean sanctuary which the people of South East Mass are fortunate to have for swimming, fishing, or just plain relaxing. The ocean is home to a large number of water dwellers, fish, turtles, dolphins etc. and a variety of birds stop there on their migration routes. This is an essential area for many life forms.

Because the discharge is illegal, the Department's final determination should be to deny Holtec's application.

Thank you.

Valeri

[REDACTED]. Sent from my iPad

## No nuclear power waste into Cape Cod bay!!!

Art Newman [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 4:01 PM

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Dear folks,

Please do not allow for the release of waters from the nuclear reactor in Cape Cod bay!!

Thank you for your attention

[REDACTED]

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## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit.

Rick McDonald [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 4:12 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Cathy Coniaris - As a resident of Plymouth MA I am pleased that at least for now Holtec has been stopped from dumping over 1 million gallons of nuclear waste water in Cape Cod Bay. My worry is that this is only a temporary halt and that they will find a way to continue with their plan of action.

Cape Cod Bay is part of the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act and this proposed dumping is illegal and is in direct violation of that act.

Thank you,  
Rick McDonald

[REDACTED]

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*Whether you are fighting against the fossil fuel industry, protecting endangered species, or any number of other issues, adding your voice does make a difference.*

## Protect Cape Cod Bay

Ann Frechette [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 5:53 PM

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Please do your part to prevent further pollution of the water.

Sincere thanks,  
Ann Frechette

[REDACTED]

## Holtec International

Caroline Itzler [REDACTED] >

Wed 8/2/2023 6:04 PM

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I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,  
Caroline Itzler  
East Orleans MA

**Holtec**

Dave Lorenzi [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 6:58 PM

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Please do not allow Holtec to dump contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. It would ruin the bay, as well as tourism which is our local economy.

Dave Lorenzi

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## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Amy Harris [REDACTED]

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Cathy Coniaris,

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,

Amy Harris

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Please protect Cape Cod Bay and deny Holtec's Permit application!**

Caren Bobroff [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 9:05 PM

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*Thank you,*

Caren Bobroff  
[REDACTED]

## DEP Decision

Judy Savage [REDACTED]

Wed 8/2/2023 9:54 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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To Whom it May Concern

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) draft decision to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This tentative denial is correctly based on the DEP legal determination that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws.

I urge you to fully deny the permit to uphold state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,

Judy Savage

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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## Holtec

Mary Ann Jones [REDACTED]

Thu 8/3/2023 3:05 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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We who live surrounded by the Atlantic waters off Cape Cod refute the right of one private business entity, Holtec, to willful destruction of our habitat and livelihood by continuing to dump radioactive discharge into our environment. --

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead, 1978.



## DEP draft determination

Stephanie Rossi [REDACTED]

Thu 8/3/2023 8:02 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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I emphatically agree with DEP that HOLTEC is prevented under law from discharging waste into protected bodies of water, specifically Cape Cod Bay.

Keep up the good work.

Stephanie Tilton Rossi  
Cotuit, MA

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant

Gabrielle Ross [REDACTED]

Thu 8/3/2023 9:04 AM

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Thank you,

*Gabrielle Ross*

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Mary Utt [REDACTED]

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP:

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws.

I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,  
Mary Hunter Utt

[REDACTED]  
(Cape Cod year-round resident)

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Jeanne Morrison [REDACTED]

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Submit comments electronically to [massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov).

You should address your public comment to Cathy Coniaris with Mass DEP.

Your subject line should be: **The deadline to submit a public comment is August 28 at 5:00 PM.**

Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Sample comment script:

To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

As a resident of Cape Cod, I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. After viewing the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act I believe DEP's decision is the correct one. Holtec must comply with state laws. Further those of us living on Cape Cod as well as visitors deserve to be protected by environmental hazards that could adversely impact our health as well as our primary industry of tourism. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,

Jeanne Morrison, Hyannis

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## Tentative Determination Re: Discharge Into Cape Cod Bay

Evelyn Strawn [REDACTED]

Thu 8/3/2023 11:07 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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I am writing as a citizen of Plymouth. As a "neighbor" of the nuclear power plant and a concerned citizen of the Commonwealth, I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) draft determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This tentative denial is correctly based on the DEP legal determination that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to fully deny the permit to uphold state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Very truly yours,

Evelyn Strawn  
[REDACTED]

**: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit**

[REDACTED]

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*Thank you,  
Susan G. Baron*

## Holtec International's permit application

Elizabeth Frankel [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

E  
[REDACTED]

## Support for DEP draft determination to deny Holtec permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear

Howard, Margaret [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Margaret Howard

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



## Holtec Dumping at Pilgrim

Richard Johnson [REDACTED]

Thu 8/3/2023 2:32 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

C [REDACTED]

Janet Lauer [REDACTED]

Judy Ziss

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Thank you,  
Richard Johnson  
League of Women Voters of Falmouth  
Natural Resources Committee Member

## DEP Holtec Determination

Jill P Hillier [REDACTED]

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Thank you,  
Jill P Hillier

[REDACTED]

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## Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Thu 8/3/2023 7:27 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Edward.Markey@Markey.Senate.gov

<Edward.Markey@Markey.Senate.gov>; bruno\_freitas@warren.senate.gov

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<julian.cyr@masenate.gov>; Christopher.Flanagan@mahouse.gov

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Cathy Coniaris

Mass DEP

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

massdep.npdes@mass.gov

Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit .

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support DEP's tentative decision to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

DEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries.

DEP should also deny Holtec's requested permit for at least two other reasons.

The first is that the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act prohibits altering the habitat of any endangered or threatened species, including the right whale, roseate tern, least tern, and loggerhead turtle that live in Cape Cod Bay and along its shores. Massachusetts state regulations are explicit in stating that the discharge of waste, wastewater, toxic or hazardous materials shall always be considered alterations of habitat.

The second is the antidegradation provisions of DEP's own regulations.

One provision prohibits Holtec's discharge unless the discharge would be insignificant and Holtec demonstrates that "the discharge is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the [Cape Cod Bay] area" The discharge of 1.1 million gallons of radioactive and chemically contaminated water that seriously harms the economy, ecology, recreational/aesthetic interests of the South Shore and Cape Cod is not "insignificant". And Holtec's planned discharge is not necessary – for any reason. Holtec has other options for safely

dealing with the contaminated waste water from Pilgrim. Increasing Holtec's profit in no way represents an important economic or social development.

The other regulation requires DEP to determine that the discharge is "for the express purpose and intent of maintaining or enhancing" Cape Cod Bay, something Holtec's planned discharge plainly will not do.

In keeping with its tentative determination, DEP's final determination should unequivocally deny Holtec's application for all of these reasons.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter which, if not properly addressed, has the potential to cause serious adverse effects for generations to come.

Sincerely,

James Garb, M.D.  
Board Certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
Yarmouth Port, MA

CC: Senator Edward Markey, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts Senator Julian Cyr,  
Barnstable State Representative Christopher Flanagan, Governor Maura Healey

## **pollution**

pamela avila lewis [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 8:26 AM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Nuclear waste from Plymouth does not belong in our Cape Cod waters

Pamela Avila Smith

## Re: MassDEP Surface Water Discharge Permitting Program

John Gundlach [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 9:34 AM

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I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Holtec

Pat McCarthy [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 11:11 AM

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**Thank you,**

**Pat McCarthy**

Have a safe and peaceful day!

Pat McCarthy

Cell: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - Radioactive Water Discharge

Lawrence Rothschild [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 11:54 AM

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Dear Sir/Madame:

As a long-time resident of Falmouth, I am writing in support of the DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge likely radioactive wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. I believe that DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act which explicitly prohibits discharges such as the one proposed by Holtec as a violation of state law. I urge the DEP to move forward in finalizing the draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Larry Rothschild

[REDACTED]

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July 31, 2023

Cathy Coniaris  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
massdep.npdes@mass.gov

Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

We are writing to support the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries. The proposed discharge is therefore illegal.

Because the proposed discharge is illegal, the Department's final determination should deny Holtec's application.

Please contact our office with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support,

Maura Curran  
Chair, Select Board

James Boudreau  
Town Administrator

## Radioactive water

Gloria Hanson [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 12:57 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Gloria Hanson [REDACTED]

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Please, no dumping of radioactive water in the bay!!! Gloria Hanson

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Carole Young-Kleinfeld [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 1:41 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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To: Cathy Coniaris, Massachusetts DEP

As a resident of Barnstable (Marstons Mills), I fully support the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay.

I understand that this decision is based on the DEP's legal finding that discharge by industrial sites, such as the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, is prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations and protecting our ocean sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay.

I am appreciative of the advocacy measures to protect Cape Cod Bay by our federal and state legislators, along with local municipal officials, the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, and many other groups of concerned citizens.

Thank you.

Carole Young-Kleinfeld  
[REDACTED]



**STATEMENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, CAPE  
COD AND ISLANDS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® AND SOUTH SHORE  
REALTORS®, INC. IN SUPPORT OF DEP'S PERMIT MODIFICATION DENIAL**

**August 4, 2023**

On behalf of the more than 26,000 members of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®, including almost 6,000 combined from the Cape Cod and Islands Association of REALTORS® and South Shore REALTORS®, Inc., we support the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) determination to deny Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC's (Holtec) request to modify its Massachusetts permit to discharge pollutants to surface waters. REALTORS® recognizes the incredible gift that Massachusetts environment offers to our state's citizens. Furthermore, we understand the importance of the environment to our quality of life and the marketability of surrounding property. As a result, we have concerns about Holtec's proposal to dump contaminated waste from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

The Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuary Act is "unique in its charge to protect the "ecology" and "aesthetic" interests as well as water quality."<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the law prevents "significantly alter[ing] or otherwise endanger[ing] [the] ecology or appearance" of ocean sanctuaries.<sup>2</sup> It protects marine life, water quality, and beaches that are critical for major industries such as fishing, shellfishing, recreation, tourism, and real estate.

Powerplant decommissionings have a track record of presenting housing and environmental challenges. For example, in decommissioning the Zion nuclear power plant in Illinois, locals were confronted with 2.2 million pounds of nuclear waste along the shore of Lake Michigan and decreases in local housing values.<sup>3</sup> The Pilgrim plant has more than eight times that in spent fuel requiring storage and disposal.<sup>4</sup>

REALTORS® on the South Shore and Cape Cod have shared that Holtec's proposals are already having an impact on their market. Cape Cod Bay and the surround area enjoys international acclaim for its natural beauty. It has long been a place near which people want to live and vacation. However, clients are already expressing concerns about the region due to from pollution, negative health impacts, and long-term value loss. The numbers corroborate their observations with fewer sales when compared to statewide averages. Since Holtec took over the plant in 2020, the number of home sales in the South Shore has averaged a 5% decrease per year and a 10% decrease on the Cape, compared with a 1% increase across the state. The reputational harm to the attractiveness of this area as both a place to call home and a place to vacation will be irreparable if nuclear waste dumping is permitted.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/bitstream/handle/2452/50333/ocm31229204.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

<sup>2</sup> MGL Ch. 132 Section 14

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.eesi.org/briefings/view/071618nuclear>

<sup>4</sup> Noting that decommissioning will generate 61 casks of spent fuel weighing up to 300,000 pounds each, <https://www.wbur.org/news/2019/05/30/plymouth-nuclear-plant-decommissioning>

For these statistics to rebound, consumer confidence must be restored. DEP upholding the sanctity of the Ocean Sanctuary Act is an essential step towards that outcome. As a result, we urge you to uphold the tentative determination to deny Holtec's application to modify its pollutant discharge permit. Please do not hesitate to contact Justin Davidson, General Counsel, MAR [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - Support DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Judith Ziss [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 2:48 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

[REDACTED] Janet  
Lauer [REDACTED]

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

As Chair of the Legislative Committee of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth, I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Judith S. Ziss  
Chair, Legislative Committee  
League of Women Voters of Falmouth



**Atten: Cathy Coniaris Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit**

Elaine Dickinson [REDACTED]

Fri 8/4/2023 3:45 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc:Elaine Dickinson [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms Coniaris,

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Having lived on Cape Cod for 30 years & vacationed here for over 60 years, I cannot imagine the nuclear waste water being dumped into our Bay!! I've been on whale watches, enjoyed many beaches with my children growing up, enjoyed eating fresh local fish and many other things that make this one of the most wonderful places in the country. To destroy it is unthinkable !!

Please do not let Holtec's bottom line ruin our national treasure!!

**Thank you,**

**Elaine Dickinson**  
[REDACTED]

## MassDep Surface Water Discharge Permitting Program

Jacqueline Pentz Greene [REDACTED]

Sat 8/5/2023 8:22 AM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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*Dear Commissioner Heiple,*

*I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.*

*Thank you,*

Jacqueline Pentz-Greene  
[REDACTED]



## No contaminated water in Cape Cod Bay

Karen Epstein [REDACTED]

Sat 8/5/2023 10:41 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**Holtec**

Vin McGuire [REDACTED]

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To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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We STRONGLY urge MDEP to continue to deny HOLTEC from discharge Nuclear Waste in Plymouth BAY/Harbour.

This is not safe for our sealife of any kind and certainly not for people swimming in the bay. Lessons shoul have been learned fro multiple contamination of our environment from Nuclear Waste.

V

[REDACTED].

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station-Deny Holtec's App for a Modified Permit

Kerry Walton [REDACTED]

Sat 8/5/2023 1:52 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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I unconditionally support the DEP's tentative determination to deny Holtec's application for a modified permit to contaminate our water with their discharge.

We live on Cape Cod and we and our dogs enjoy the Cape Cod Bay and it's (our) beaches. Also, the whales and other life depend on uncontaminated water to live in and enjoy.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

## Stop Holtec!

Patti Anklam [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 8:56 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you,

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Deborah Etzel [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 9:15 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

I am a resident of Plymouth and know that Plymouth Bay is an integral part of the lifeblood of this town. Even a perception of having our bay tainted with nuclear waste would be a catastrophe. Home values would plummet, businesses would fail and the town would cease to thrive.

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,

Deborah Etzel

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

## Deny Holtec-Pilgrim Permit

felicia bordick [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 9:51 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you,

Felicia Bordick

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## Holtec Discharge Plans

Ann Callanan [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 10:58 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Please do not allow Holtec to contaminate our waters!

I have been a resident of Duxbury since 1981 and lived on [REDACTED] (about 12 miles across the

[REDACTED] There is no proof that the power plant caused these cancers, but my neighborhood had several cases of bone, brain and breast cancers. And I find this more than just coincidental.

Besides the health risks of this possible discharge to humans, the damage to sea life, the waters, and our community as a whole is far too great!

It astounds me that this is even a discussion. And the fact that Holtec is focusing on money rather than the health of the people and the environment cannot be allowed.

Please do not allow this.

Thank You.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## Save Cape Cod Bay

STEPHEN FERREIRA [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 11:50 AM

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,  
Stephen Ferreira

[REDACTED]



## DEP denial to Holtec LLC to dump radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay

Janice Goodell [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 11:51 AM

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

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**Thank you,**

**Janice Goodell**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Stop Holtec from dumping waste into cape Cod

Bob [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 2:08 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

John Keenan [REDACTED]

Sun 8/6/2023 2:50 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Cathy Coniaris

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

massdep.npdes@mass.gov

Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

As a resident of Dennis, Massachusetts, I am deeply concerned about Holtec's intention to dump radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. According to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the inner elbow of the Cape is one of the places where contaminated water would accumulate. This area includes the northern shore of Dennis.

I fully support the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to deny Holtec's application to discharge this water. The dumping would be illegal according to the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under this act.

I strongly recommend that MassDEP take the further step of permanently denying Holtec's application. The dumping of radioactive and contaminated wastewater would have a detrimental impact on the ecology, economy, and wellbeing of Cape Cod Bay and Massachusetts.

Thank you,

John H Keenan  
[REDACTED]

Please help us keep our waters safe and clean

Danielle Jeanloz [REDACTED] >

Mon 8/7/2023 8:58 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Geri Williams [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 10:20 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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As a concerned Plymouth resident and individual involved with protecting and preserving water quality, I concur with the temporary Determination to Deny Holtec a permit to dump the contaminated waste water from decommissioning into Cape Cod Bay and urge you to issue a permanent ban. All the reasoning under Sections 15 and 16 are sound and justifiable. The only reason Holtec has for dumping the decommissioning waste water is to save money and add it to their bottom line, not a justifiable reason.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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## Holtec International Permit Application

David Cochrane [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 1130 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you,

David Cochrane  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Jacqueline Rider [REDACTED]

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,  
Jacqueline Rider

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Jacqueline Rider

[REDACTED]

<https://www.jacquelinerrider.com/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jackierider/>

## Holtec and Cape Cod Bay

Steve and Michele OBrien [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 12:30 PM

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[REDACTED]



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## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Wendy DeGiglio [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 1:32 PM

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Cathy Coniaris  
Mass DEP  
100 Cambridge Street Boston, MA 02114 massdep.npdes@mass.gov

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support DEP's tentative decision to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

DEP's tentative determination that requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries.

DEP should also deny Holtec's requested permit for at least two other reasons.

The first is that the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act prohibits altering the habitat of any endangered or threatened species, including the right whale, roseate tern, least tern, and loggerhead turtle that live in and along the shores of Cape Cod Bay.

Massachusetts state regulations are explicit: the discharge of waste, wastewater, toxic or hazardous materials shall always be considered alterations of habitat.

The second is the antidegradation provisions of DEP's own regulations.

One prohibits Holtec's discharge unless the discharge would be insignificant and Holtec demonstrates "that the discharge is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the [Cape Cod Bay] area." The discharge of 1.1 million gallons of radioactive and chemically contaminated water that, harms the economy, ecology, recreational/ascetic interests is not "insignificant." Holtec's planned discharge is not necessary – for any reason. Holtec has other options.

Increasing Holtec's profit is not an important economic or social development.

The other regulation requires DEP to determine that the discharge is "for the express purpose and intent of maintaining or enhancing" Cape Cod Bay; something Holtec's planned discharge plainly will not do.

DEP's final determination should deny Holtec's application for all of these reasons.

Sincerely,  
Wendy DeGiglio

Cold Spring, NY

A town on the Hudson River which Holtec also plans to contaminate.

I have also been a seasonal visitor to Cape Cod for 60 years

Sent from my iPhone

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Heidi Mayo [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 1:40 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP,

I fully support the MA DEP's tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay, as not only would it violate the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, but by perception alone would devastate local marine enjoyment and related economies like tourism, fishing, beach-going, lobstering, oyster farming, etc.

This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected. Cape Cod Bay marine life and all who are sustained by it depend on it.

Thank you,

Heidi Mayo, [REDACTED]

Heidi Mayo  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

LWV Cape Cod Area [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 1:42 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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LWVMA Program 2023 to 2025.odt;

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August 7, 2023

To Cathy Coniaris, MA DEP

In agreement with the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and its recent adoption of a position specifically to ban the dumping of nuclear wastewater into Cape Cod Bay, the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area (LWVCCA) fully commends and supports the state Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. We urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you for your attention.

**Sincerely,**

Jeanne Morrison

Mary Utt

Co-Presidents



**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of the CAPE COD AREA**



## MASS LEAGUE ACTION

July 2023

Program and Action for 2023 – 2025

On June 10, 2023, delegates to the LWVMA Convention adopted the following “Program and Action” which will guide LWVMA’s education and advocacy work for the next two years.

Among the Action Priorities is our program for “Equitably Addressing the Climate Emergency and Degradation of Ecosystem Functioning”

### Action Goals

Advocate for monitoring the implementation of the comprehensive climate and environmental protection legislation which has already passed to be sure that it addresses the scope, scale, and urgency of the climate and related anthropogenically caused environmental crises.

Advocate for increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, especially related to transportation and buildings. Advocate for improved public transportation funding that includes transitioning towards electrification and expanding availability of options in a way that promotes Environmental Justice (as defined by US EPA) across communities.

**Ban the dumping of nuclear wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.** Advocate for the protection and enhancement of, and accessibility to our open spaces, including green and blue spaces (wetlands, rivers, lakes, and estuaries), and fostering partnerships to improve the integrity of these resources in providing ecological services to all communities.

## Comment on draft decision re: Holtec

Marcy Cohen [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 1:45 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern,

This is to offer my strongest support for the draft decision to ban Holtec from discharging any additional nuclear or other industrial waste water into Cape Cod Bay. The citizens of our state and country are already struggling to deal with and pay for the toxic results of other poorly-considered profit-driven corporate decisions.

The only truly "safe levels" of nuclear wastewater in Cape Cod Bay is no wastewater at all. Companies like Holtec are not interested in the wellbeing of our citizens or the condition of our local environment; corporate profits are their only interest.

It is my sincere hope that the draft decision on Holtec will become both permanent and enforceable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marcy Cohen  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station: Deny Holtec's Application

James Wright [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 2:09 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to **support the tentative determination** by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to **deny Holtec's application** for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.**

Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,

James Wright  
[REDACTED]

## Deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application

Karen Boujoukos [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 2:25 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

My husband and I are year round residents of Cape Cod and we fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

We returned home to Massachusetts, where we were both born and raised, and chose to live on the Cape to enjoy it's natural beauty and the many water related activities it allows. PLEASE do the right thing for the residents, the multitudes of tourists and the beautiful environment and issue the final determination to deny the permit.

Thank you,

Karen & Arthur Boujoukos  
Harwich, MA



## P8ilgrim Nuclear Power Station



Mon 8/7/2023 2:43 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you for stopping the dumped of radioactive and other wastes into cape Cod Bay. More peoe swim in the Bay than the ocean, especially children.

We eat seafood from there. Whales don't neded any more troubles than they have already. The fishermen have enough difficulty making a living and any day that isn't stormy manyi boats are visible, fishing and pleasure fishing.I

The Ist thing any of us need is polluting any farther in our bays and oceans. Enough! They just want a cheap way to get rid of their waste. Dump it on us.

## Re: Denial of Holtec Permit to Dump Wastewater

Joe Crowley [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 2:46 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Joe Crowley [REDACTED]

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On Mon, Aug 7, 2023 at 2:23 PM Joe Crowley <[jfcmashpee@gmail.com](mailto:jfcmashpee@gmail.com)> wrote:

I live in Mashpee. I want to categorically state my support of the decision by Mass DEP to deny the request by Holtec to dump treated wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear power plant into Cape Cod bay. I believe that any additional dumping of industrial wastewater will further degrade a body of water that is currently nearing an environmental tipping point. Thank you for denying this request.

Joseph Crowley  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station : please deny Holtec's application!

Anna Kulmatiski [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 3:17 PM

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Cathy Coniaris

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to **support the tentative determination** by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to **deny Holtec's application** for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,  
Anna Kulmatiski

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Andy MacDonald [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 3:21 PM

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Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support the tentative determination by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application. Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,  
Andy MacDonald

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power

Sheila Lynch-Benttinen [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 4:16 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Diane [REDACTED]; Jim Lam [REDACTED]; Mary Lampert [REDACTED]; Henrietta Cosentino [REDACTED]

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**To: Mass DEP**

**Regarding tentative determination to deny the  
Surface Water Discharge Permit to HOLTEC**

**From: Sheila Lynch-Benttinen**  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I would like to make three points regarding denial:

1. No High Gamma radiation has been tested such as plutonium, strontium, etc. etc. Mass DEP and Holtec only tested for low gamma radiation, and we know over the operational years of Pilgrim there were many high gamma radioactivity discharges that went into water system. We have no adequate analysis of discharge water for high gamma radiation, the most destructive to health of humans and aquatic species.
2. Contrary to PR of Holtec, NO ENDANGERED SPECIES ANALYSIS that is current has been done regarding radioactive wastewater discharge effects on the multiple endangered species in Cape Cod Bay including critically endangered Northern Right Whales. All endangered species analysis that has been done in past is dated and does not contain radioactive water analysis, only hot water analysis from years prior.
3. There is inadequate analysis of what the discharge effects would have on the economy of fishing, aquaculture, real estate, and tourism.

Thank you for the initial determination of denial, and I strongly encourage you to make a final determination of denial.

Sincerely,

Sheila Lynch-Benttinen

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Donna Petrangelo [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 4:18 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Attn: Cathy Coniaris

Dear Ms Coniaris:

It is essential that the MASS DEP support the Ocean Sanctuaries Act and rule definitively that Holtec cannot dump the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant's contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay.

Cape Cod Bay, Plymouth Bay, Duxbury Bay, and Kingston Bay are all protected ocean sanctuaries, in addition to being perhaps Massachusetts' most valuable natural resource. Cape Cod Bay is a critical habitat for right whales and home to countless other species of marine and plant life

Dumping Pilgrim's contaminated water into these bodies of water would harm both the environment and public health and would cause incalculable economic damage to our state.

The economic harm from Holtec's threatened dumping cannot be overstated. The fishing and aquaculture industries correctly fear that dumping will contaminate the water, and millions of oysters, lobsters, mussels, clams, and fish. Holtec's planned dumping will have similar serious impacts on boat and other marine industries, to say nothing of real estate, tourism, and our beaches, on which the livelihoods of our towns depend.

These industries rightfully believe that public perception of radioactive contamination of our waters could destroy their hundreds-of-millions-of-dollars of investments and businesses. There is no justifiable reason to jeopardize the Massachusetts economy to increase the profits of Holtec, a Florida and New Jersey based company that will leave Massachusetts as soon, and with as much money, as it can.

Holtec does not have to dump. It has another option, to ship out of state to a licensed facility just as Vermont Yankee plans to do with its two (2) million gallons of radioactively contaminated water.

In settling its litigation with the Commonwealth, Holtec AGREED to "comply with all applicable environmental and human-health based standards and regulations of the Commonwealth." To name just one, the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations, prohibit dumping commercial or industrial waste, radioactive or **non-radioactive**, into our protected Ocean Sanctuaries.

The DEP must force Holtec to live up to the Settlement Agreement. Our economy, to say nothing of public health, depends on stopping Holtec's threatened dumping.

Sincerely yours,

Donna Petrangelo

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Deny Holtec Permit Application

Timothy Petracca [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 4:39 PM

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August 7, 2023

MassDEP Surface Water Discharge Permitting Program  
100 Cambridge St.  
Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114  
[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

**The draft decision has it right, the Ocean Sanctuaries Act is clear, DEP's action reflects the law and there is no other basis to do anything other than to finalize this decision.**

Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

**The draft decision has it right, the Ocean Sanctuaries Act is clear, DEP's action reflects the law and there is no other basis to do anything other than to finalize this decision.**

Thank you,  
Timothy J. Petracca and Laura J. Petracca

[REDACTED]

--

racca, Sr.

[REDACTED]



August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Cathy Coniaris  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
massdep.npdes@mass.gov

Sierra Club Response to Mass DEP Denial of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System  
Permit Modification for Holtec Discharge

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing on behalf of the Massachusetts Sierra Club to support the tentative decision by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

This tentative ruling is a giant win for environmental justice, climate action, and water quality affecting millions of people in and around the greater Cape Cod Bay area. This decision correctly considered the demands of the community to protect their health, their environment, and their local economy, as well as respecting the intent of the Ocean Sanctuaries Act to conserve precious natural resources.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge of commercial, municipal, domestic, or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries.

We strongly support the Department making a final determination to deny Holtec's application, and appreciate your dedication to this work and considering the position of our organization as well as our thousands of members and supporters in the affected communities.

Sincerely,  
Vick Mohanka  
*Acting Chapter Director*  
Sierra Club Massachusetts





## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Richard Hugus [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 7:30 PM

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Cathy Coniaris

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to **support the tentative determination** by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to **deny Holtec's application** for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,

Richard Hugus

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Deny the Permit Application Submitted by Holtec to Discharge Radioactive Tainted Waters into Cape Cod Bay

Mary Mary [REDACTED]

Mon 8/7/2023 11:46 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear DEP:

I am a resident of Mashpee, MA located on Cape Cod I have a Masters in Environmental Science and have years experience working in scientific research and environmental testing laboratories.

I urge you to deny the permit application by Holtec International to discharge millions of gallons of radioactive tainted waste into Cape Cod Bay as part of the decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. I support the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection final denial of Holtec's permit application to discharge the wastewater into Cape Cod Bay based on the Oceans Sanctuaries Act state law, which prohibits new industrial discharges of pollutants into Massachusetts waters designated as ocean sanctuaries.

Thank you.

Yours,  
Mary Waydan

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## Holtec Disposal of Waste Water

Pamela Grange [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 9:13 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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*Dear Commissioner Heiple,*

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*Thank you,*

*Pamela Grange*  
[REDACTED]

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## final determination to deny Holtec application

Norman Pierce [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 9:18 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Cathy Coniaris

Mass. Dept/ of Environmental Protection

For our communities that depend on our bays, please make the department's final determination of denying Holtec's application to discharge radioactive and contaminated waste water into our bay.

Norman B. Pierce, PhD

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Nancy Gilbert [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 9:19 AM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Please ensure that no waste from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant, or any nuclear waste be put into our oceans.

Please make certain that our earth and oceans are how you would wish that your grandchildren will find them.

The earth and all of our waters are sacred. May they be treated as such.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

May the good that you do come back in plenty.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Gilbert

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Rosemary Shields [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 10:54 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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To Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Cape Cod Bay is a precious resource. One would think that the methods of the 1950's, where manufacturers assumed they could dump their refuse in the nearest stream, river, bay, lake or ocean, were over. Since the 1970s with the passage of the Clean Water Act, we are becoming more and more acutely aware that our precious water supplies on this planet are finite. Dilution is not the solution to pollution, as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) likes to think. The NRC is stuck back in the 1950's ethos. Your stance in denying Holtec's permit puts you squarely in today, saving the planet from degradation.

Thank you,  
Rosemary Shields

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

kate roper [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 12:08 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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As a taxpayer in Kingston, MA, I fully support the Mass DEP in its determination to deny Holtec's permit to dump in the bay. Please make this determination permanent!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Roper



## Pilgrim nuclear power station

Marianne Hall [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 12:20 PM

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Cathy Coniaris  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to **support the tentative determination** by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to **deny Holtec's application** for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,

Marianne DiRenzo  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



## Holtec Radioactive Water Dump

Joanne M. Corrigan [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 12:45 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Please do not let Holtec decimate precious Cape Cod Bay. The corporate greed of Holtec to dump this water would devastate our seafood industry, ruin our tourism and our property values. But above all of that the health hazards especially to young children, girls specifically, the radiation to their eggs is accumulative. In addition the numerous forms of cancer risk is totally unacceptable. Remember "just because you don't see it doesn't mean it is not there" a quote from my physics professor at Northeastern University during my Radiologic Technology training.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

an

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

## Denying Holtec's Contaminated Surface Water Discharge Permit for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

don norris [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 1:07 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Cathy Coniaris

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support the tentative determination by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the

Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

As a coastal resident, Holtec's Dumping will contaminate our beach front property, fish, shellfish, birds and wildlife forever!

The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application. Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,

Donald Norris

[REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Tue 8/8/2023 3:20 PM

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To: Surface Water Discharge Program, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Re: In support of the "Tentative Determination to Deny a Surface Water Discharge permit modification requested by Holtec Decommissioning International LLC", (MA Permit No. MA0003557 issued to Holtec Pilgrim LLC)

I am writing to support the tentative determination by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary.

Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act. The Department's final determination should deny its application.

Thank you,

Deirdre and Peter Campbell

## FW: OUR HEALTH & FUTURE ARE AT STAKE!

Lillia Frantin [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 3:47 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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DEAR MASS DEP,

We are at a crossroads....Can we trust our government to protect us & place our well being, health and future---and our democracy---over corporate profit?

If so, you must use every tool and every legal means to stop the insane request by Holtec to dump millions of gallons of radioactive waste water into Cape Cod Bay! Mass DEP will be held accountable if this is allowed....accountable by the voters but by every mother & child for eons of time whose health and well being will be threatened and weakened by this dastardly and inhumane project! And for what? To save Holtec money, to save their profits at the expense of our futures. If this were allowed, MASS DEP, it would signal the end of controls over further environmental & planetary protections against the seemingly devilish power of the nuclear industry. We are NOTHING in their eyes, our health and the health of all Americans impacted by the countless deadly nuclear energy plants throughout this country...EACH ONE REQUIRING ---AND GIVEN FREELY BY OUR GOVERNMENT--ACCESS TO OUR WATERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR DEADLY WASTE. What insanity. What cruelty. What a stain on America's history. Our Senators (Markey & Warren) our State representatives Moran and Keating....HAVE ALL SAID NO!! Our Governor has been a strong advocate against Holtec's ARROGANT & MURDEROUS plan to save money and increase profits....THEY WERE ELECTED TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH< ECONOMY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS....PLEASE MASS DEP YOU TOO MUST FIGHT TO PROTECT PEOPLE--- NOT PROFIT!

I attended the EPA's recent meeting in Harwich. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING TO CLOSE PILGRAM since I moved here 24 years ago....Our protests and calls for rationality were finally listened to. But in those years I was overwhelmed by sadness when I saw how our ELECTED government had (and CONTINUES TO HAVE) NO POWER OVER THE NRC, the 'front man' for the all-powerful nuclear military complex.....That meeting and the report by the EPA renewed my faith in government! Will your actions and decisions now do the same?

Our FUTURE AS A DEMOCRACY BASED ON REASON, JUSTICE & DEDICATION TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE & OUR PLANET depends on YOUR ACTION NOW! Please don't condemn our country to despotism & corrupt corporate hold over We The People. We need to TRUST you especially today....

CAN YOU HOLD ONTO THAT TRUST? PLEASE DO YOUR JOB, YOU ARE OUR VOICE!

Lillia Frantin [REDACTED]

Falmouth Town Meeting Member [REDACTED]

## Pilgrim wastewater to be released to Cape Cod Bay

Marian Brunck [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 3:48 PM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Commissioner Heiple

Our Faith Communities Environmental Network includes over 40 churches, synagogues, meetinghouses, and interfaith groups on Cape Cod & the Islands. We stand for Eco-Justice sharing a consistent ethos with faith traditions around the world to protect our Earth Home and all living things. Many of our members have been partnering with others to advocate for safety regarding this Nuclear Power Plant's decommissioning, and we believe the Ocean Sanctuaries Act must be followed.

We applaud DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. We urge the DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

[REDACTED]

## Holtec - plans to discharge industrial waste into Plymouth Harbor

Ken Stone [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 4:32 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Cathy Coniaris  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02114

Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to **support the tentative determination** by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to **deny Holtec's application** for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Kenneth Stone, EdD  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Leigh-Anne Cole [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 4:42 PM

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To: Surface Water Discharge Program, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Re: In support of the "Tentative Determination to Deny a Surface Water Discharge permit modification requested by Holtec Decommissioning International LLC", (MA Permit No. MA0003557 issued to Holtec Pilgrim LLC)

I am writing to support the tentative determination by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act. The Department's final determination should deny its application.

Sincerely,

Leigh-Anne Cole  
[REDACTED]

# Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Ann Darling [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing in support of the tentative determination by MassDEP to deny the application of the owners of Pilgrim Nuclear Station, Holtec Decommissioning International, for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow this commercial business to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is entirely correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

DEP should also deny Holtec's requested permit for at least two other reasons.

The first is that the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act prohibits altering the habitat of any endangered or threatened species, including the right whale, roseate tern, least tern, and loggerhead turtle that live in and along the shores of Cape Cod Bay. Massachusetts state regulations are explicit: the discharge of waste, wastewater, and toxic or hazardous materials shall always be considered alterations of habitat.

The second is two antidegradation provisions of DEP's own regulations.

One prohibits discharge unless the discharge would be insignificant and the applicant demonstrates "that the discharge is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the [Cape Cod Bay] area." The discharge of 1.1 million gallons of radioactive and chemically contaminated water that would harm the local fishing and tourism industries and the larger economy, the ecology of the Bay, and human recreational/aesthetic interests is not "insignificant." Holtec's planned discharge is in no way necessary. Holtec has other options, including doing what Vermont Yankee/NorthStar did, shipping its contaminated water to a licensed processing facility.

The other regulation requires DEP to determine that the discharge is "for the express purpose and intent of maintaining or enhancing" Cape Cod Bay. The only thing that will be "enhanced" by Holtec's gambit is their profit margin.

**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Holtec's application to dump radiologically and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay -- and MassDEP's response to it -- are significant and precedent-setting on both state and national levels. For instance, Holtec has also applied for a permit to discharge irradiated water into the Hudson River, which is used for drinking water. States have the right to monitor and control their air and water and to protect their citizens and environment from harm. This jurisdiction should not be usurped by a corporation or a federal regulator.



Sincerely,  
Ann Darling



## Deny Holtec Permit to Allow Radioactive and Chemically contaminated Water into Cape Cod Bay

Kathy [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 4:48 PM

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From: Kathleen Bell

outh Town Meeting Member

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to **support the tentative determination** by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to **deny Holtec's application** for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Holtec had agreed to abide by stricter state environmental standards as part of its settlement agreement that allowed the decommissioning to proceed. Dumping this material into Cape Cod Bay does not meet the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act.

MassDEP's tentative determination that the requested discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act is correct. That act prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries under the act.

**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Best  
Kathleen Bell

Sent from my iPhone

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

James Hester [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 5:00 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

Cc: Andrea Dickinson [REDACTED]

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[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

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**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries and making all the hours my wife & I spent to defeat this illegal dumping worthwhile.

Sincerely,

James & Elizabeth Hester  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## DEP's Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for Modified Permit

Jean Sawtelle [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 5:45 PM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear DEP Representative Cathy Coniaris,

As a local resident and someone who works in the real estate industry, I am writing to urge you to uphold your initial denial of Holtec's request to modify their wastewater discharge permit.

The Ocean Sanctuaries Act was designed to protect our coastal environments and their natural beauty - factors that directly impact property values and the real estate market here. We have already seen concerning declines in demand that we believe are tied to the ongoing decommissioning activities. Granting this permit modification could worsen the situation.

I ask that you stand firm in your original determination to prohibit the discharge of pollutants into Cape Cod Bay. The DEP has an important role to play in restoring consumer confidence by enforcing environmental protections that preserve our coastline and waterways.

Please do not allow the proposed permit changes. We are relying on you to safeguard our region's environment and real estate market.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Sawtelle  
Marshfield, MA Resident and concerned citizen

## Please deny Holtec Application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit

Patricia Fabbri [REDACTED]

Tue 8/8/2023 5:50 PM

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Cathy Coniaris

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

100 Cambridge Street

Boston, MA 02114

[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am disappointed to learn that the DEP denial of radioactive wastewater discharge is not a final decision. I am writing to not only wholeheartedly support the tentative decision by the DEP to deny Holtec's application for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay, but also to request that this decision be made final.

Because the discharge would violate the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act, the proposed discharge would clearly be illegal. Beyond that, adding toxic "forever contaminants" to the ocean, our lifeblood, goes against any hope for sustained life on earth.

I believe that you will do the right thing for us all by denying Holtec's request and permanently disallow any discharge of radioactive and/or chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration,

Patricia Fabbri

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

Margaret Miller [REDACTED]

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**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,

Kent & Margaret Miller  
[REDACTED]

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## Protecting Cape Cod Bay

Eileen Lynch [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 4:34 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear Commissioner,

Please deny Holtec's request to discharge radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay. We believe that this would be an illegal action in violation of state law and damaging to a precious resource.

Sincerely,

Eileen Lynch and Peter Meyer

Sent from my iPhone

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Mark Withington [REDACTED]

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**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,

Mark Withington  
[REDACTED]



## Holtecs Permit application

Nancy Freeman [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 5:51 AM

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*Thank you,*

Mark and Nancy Freeman  
[REDACTED]

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**in support of draft determination**

Brett Warren [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 6:09 AM

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Thank you,

N. Brett Warren  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Jonathan Morse [REDACTED]

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Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
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**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

In addition, the fines for illegally dumping should be increased to at least 2x what it would cost to legally transition the nuclear wastewater out of Plymouth.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Morse  
Plymouth, MA

## Denial of Holtec permit application



Wed 8/9/2023 6:21 AM

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As a Cape Cod resident extremely concerned about the declining state of the environment, it is essential that we do everything we can to preserve our lands and waters.

Thank you,

K. E. Schrieber

## Cape cod bay

Amy Cohan [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,  
Amy Cohan*

[REDACTED]

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## Wastewater

Marni Goodale [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

Marni Goodale  
[REDACTED]

## Holtec- DENY

Karen Dusini [REDACTED]

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*Respectfully,*

*Karen Watson Dusini*

Be the reason someone smiles today.

## Defend CC Bay

Derek Scace [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*  
Derek Scace

[REDACTED]



## Radio-active Discharge into Cape Cod Bay

Joel Schwartz [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 7:04 AM

To:MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Dear sirs,

Please turn your draft permit denial on the matter above into a permanent denial. The thought of allowing a large amount of radio-active discharge into Cape Cod Bay under any circumstances is abhorrent.

Again, please make your draft denial a permanent one.

Thank you, Joel and Sharon Schwartz

Chatham, Ma

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## DEP Draft Determination

Will Clifford [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 7:12 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Thank you,  
Will Clifford

[REDACTED]

DENY HOLTEC

Virginia Snowdon [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Virginia Ela-Snowdon

[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station discharge

Nan Christy [REDACTED]

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*Thank you for your consideration.*

Nancy Christy

[REDACTED]

## Hotec Permit Application

Elizabeth Oberg [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 8:03 AM

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Thank you for work on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Oberg  
[REDACTED]

## Denial of Holtec's permit

Mohan Nair [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*  
MOhan Nair  
[REDACTED]

## Cape Cod Bay

Randa Reitman [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

*Randa.Reitman*

[REDACTED]

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## Fwd: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station water discharge

Renée Nardo [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 8:33 AM

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Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

To: Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

Good morning Ms. Coniaris,

I wanted to take a moment to write and let you know that I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep our water clean,

[REDACTED]

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Renée C. Nardo, CKD

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Renée C. Nardo, CKD



## Wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Deb Morgan [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

Deborah Morgan  
[REDACTED]

## Please DENY

Maria da Silva [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 9:10 AM

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Boston, MA 02114  
[massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)

Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

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**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing this.

Sincerely,  
Maria da Silva

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power

Crystal Hay [REDACTED]

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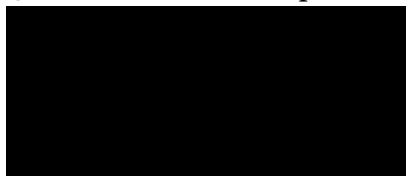
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Sincerely,

Crystal Hay, M.Ed.

4th Grade Moderate Special Needs Teacher



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**Holtec**

stephen salley [REDACTED]

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From:

[REDACTED]

To: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Please finalize the discharge denial process. It will be a great relief to know that Cape Cod Bay will not be at risk for contamination with radioactive waste.

## Re dumping in Cape Cod Bay

Amy Harbeck [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 9:44 AM

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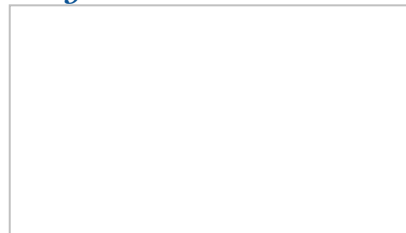
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*Kind Regards,*

*Amy*



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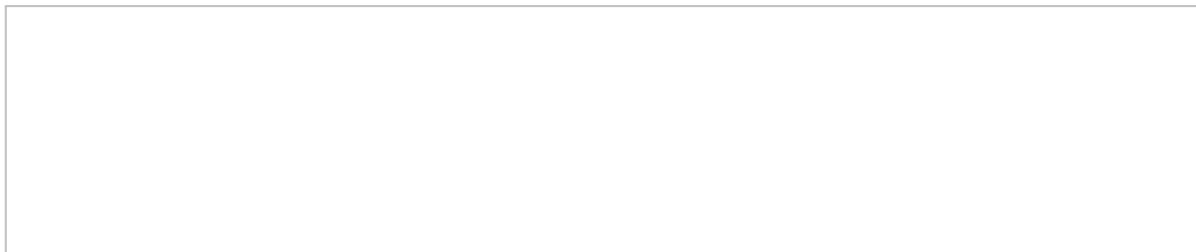
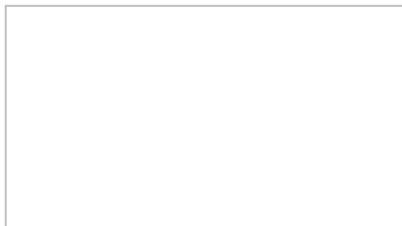


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## Denial Holtec's permit for wastewater discharge into CCBay

Peter Trinchero [REDACTED]

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Commissioner Helpe:

Strongly agree with DEP Draft determination to deny Holtec International permit to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim. Ocean Sanctuaries Act prohibits discharge into CCBay. Urge DEP to finalize draft decision and issue permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into CC Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

These contaminants for the most part will remain in the Bay, being taken up by and concentrated in the food chain.

The wastewater should be concentrated and transported to a secure site off Cape for secure disposal.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

[REDACTED]

## Nuclear Power Station discharge

Jan Galkowski [REDACTED]

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*Jan Galkowski*  
[REDACTED]

Member, APCC

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station - DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Michelle DeMille [REDACTED]

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To: Cathy Coniaris, Mass DEP

I fully support the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tentative determination to deny Holtec-Pilgrim's permit application to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated water into Cape Cod Bay. This decision is correctly based on the DEP legal finding that discharge by industrial sites such as Pilgrim is definitely prohibited by the state Ocean Sanctuaries Act. Holtec must comply with state laws. I urge you to issue a final determination to deny the permit, thereby upholding state regulations so our Ocean Sanctuaries in Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, and Cape Cod Bay remain protected.

Thank you,

Michelle DeMille

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**I support the DEP's draft decision and urge it's final approval re the denial f Holtec's proposed permit discharge**

Judith Ball [REDACTED]

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*Thank you,*

Judith S. Ball  
[REDACTED]  
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## No Holtec Discharge

[REDACTED]

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**The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application.** Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Lee Roscoe

[REDACTED]

## Law violation by Holtec

Robert J Cunningham [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,  
Robert J Cunningham  
East Orleans, MA 02643

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[REDACTED]

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Jessica C [REDACTED]

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Because the proposed discharge is illegal, the Department's final determination should deny Holtec's application.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Colarossi

Resident of Jamaica Plain, MA

## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Emma Linderman [REDACTED]

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Subject: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing as a citizen from Western MA to **support the tentative determination** by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to **deny Holtec's application** for a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow Holtec to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated industrial wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.

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Sincerely,  
Christine Linderman

[REDACTED]

## Cathy Coniaris re. Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

MJ [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

M Gehman

Needham MA

"There are only two ways to live your life. One as though nothing is a miracle. The other as though everything is a miracle." Albert Einstein

## Protect Cape Cod Bay

Marvin J. Ward [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 11:29 AM

To: MassDEP NPDES (DEP) <MassDEP.NPDES@mass.gov>

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Sincerely,

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Best regards,

Ph.D.

[REDACTED]

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## Holtec Wastewater

Andrew Fletcher 

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Andrew Fletcher



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## DEP's draft

Sherry Keith [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

## Hooray for the DEP in opposing nuclear wastewater in CC Bay

Marilyn Lucht [REDACTED]

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Dear Commissioner Heiple,

I applaud DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay. DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law. I urge DEP to finalize its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.

Thank you,  
Marilyn Lucht

[REDACTED]

## Nuclear Power Plant

Charlene McCabe [REDACTED]

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I feel that it is an unacceptable risk to the water supply for Cape Cod to allow Holtec to dump the waste water from the Nuclear Power Plant into our waters. No one knows for sure that this could be done without consequences to our water supply, hence our health and safety. To find out after the fact that it was a mistake would be a huge health risk for our environment and our population, and an astronomical cost to try to recover the loss. The Cape is a unique and beautiful environment for so many to enjoy for their home and for the visitors who come here. The risk of water contamination would affect the very livelihood of the entire population and the economy of the Cape. Please prevent this from going forward.

Thank you,  
John and Charlene McCabe

[REDACTED]

## No More Wastewater in Cape Cod Bay

Mark Thompson [REDACTED]

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*Dear Commissioner Heiple,*

*As a homeowner and taxpayer on Cape Cod where I have been a resident for numerous years, I strongly agree with DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec International's permit application to discharge wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into Cape Cod Bay.*

*What in the world could be the benefit of more pollutants in Cape Cod Bay?*

*DEP's permit denial correctly interprets the Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which explicitly states that discharges such as the one pursued by Holtec are prohibited under state law.*

*I urge DEP to move forward in finalizing its draft decision based on state law requirements and issue a permit denial to Holtec that prevents Pilgrim's wastewater from being released into the Cape Cod Bay Ocean Sanctuary.*

*Thank you,*

Mark A Thompson, Ph.D.  
[REDACTED]

## Holtec International Permit

Susan Vogel [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Susan M. Vogel

[REDACTED]

Susan M. Vogel

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## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Belinda [REDACTED]

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*Cape Cod Bay, is a protected ocean sanctuary.*

*Take the community overall grave danger of impacting the health of the residents*

Sincerely,

Belinda Jentz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## **Belinda Jentz- photographer**

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## Ocean Sanctuaries Act

Robert Doyle [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Robert E. Doyle  
[REDACTED]



## Dumping RADIOACTIVE water in CC Bay

barbara devine [REDACTED]

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Respectfully,

Barbara

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## Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Gemini [REDACTED]

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~NKA

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In support of DEP's draft determination to deny Holtec

Allison Argo [REDACTED]

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Thank you,

Allison Argo (full time resident)

[REDACTED]

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Allison Argo

ArgoFilms www.argofilms.com

[REDACTED]

Please deny Holtec's request to allow discharge into Cape Cod Bay

Wed 8/9/2023 2:01 PM

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Many thanks,

MaryAnna Foskett

MaryAnna Foskett



Nuclear Wastewater

Diane Weisman [REDACTED]

Wed 8/9/2023 2:12 PM

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Thank you,

Diane Weisman
[REDACTED]

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Tribal Scribal [REDACTED]

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The Department's final determination should deny Holtec's application

Don Ogden

The Enviro Show

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Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Holtec's Application for a Modified Permit

Buckley, Frank J. [REDACTED]

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Holtec's proposed discharge is illegal. The Department's final determination should deny its application.

*Thank you,
Frank Buckley*

Frank Buckley | Supervisory Examiner

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The MassDEP final determination must be to deny Holtec's application. Thank you for enforcing the law to protect our ocean sanctuaries.

Sincerely,
Margaret Donahue
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Luz Torres II [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Luz Torres

PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION

Lucas Family [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Catherine Lucas
[REDACTED]

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Lucas Family [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Thomas Lucas
[REDACTED]

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Sarah Martin [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Sarah Martin
[REDACTED]

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Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station Permit No. MA0003557 Tentative Determination to Deny Application to Modify

Christine Silva [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms. Coniaris:

I am writing to support the DEP's Tentative Determination to Deny Application to Modify Massachusetts Permit to Discharge Pollutant to Surface Waters ("Tentative Determination") with regard to the above referenced permit issued to Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC ("Holtec"). My support is based on the reasons stated in the Tentative Determination as well as other factors not referenced therein.

Holtec had sought a modified Surface Water Discharge Permit that would allow it to discharge radioactive and chemically contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. In its Tentative Determination, the DEP determined that such discharge is prohibited by the Massachusetts Ocean Sanctuaries Act, which prohibits the "dumping or discharge or commercial, municipal, domestic or industrial waste" into an Ocean Sanctuary. As Cape Cod, Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays are all protected ocean sanctuaries as defined by that law, the Tentative Determination is correct. However, there are also further bases on which Holtec's application to modify its permit requested permit for at least two other reasons.

Under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act, the altering of the habitat of any endangered or threatened species is prohibited. Massachusetts state regulations are explicit: the discharge of waste, wastewater, toxic or hazardous materials shall always be considered alterations of habitat. Holtec's applications to EPA and MassDEP to modify its permits acknowledge that they intend to discharge "a new source of industrial wastewater" from the spent fuel pool, torus, reactor cavity, and dryer separator pit. This would constitute an alteration of the habitat of several endangered/protected species that live in and along the shores of Cape Cod Bay, including the right whale, roseate tern, least tern, and loggerhead turtle. As such, the application must be denied.

Further, the proposed modification would violate the antidegradation provisions of DEP's own regulations (314 CMR 4.00, *et seq.*). First, the regulations prohibit the discharge unless it is determined to be insignificant and Holtec demonstrates "that the discharge is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the [Cape Cod Bay] area." No reasonable reading of the regulations and guidelines would find that the discharge of 1.1 million gallons of radioactive and chemically contaminated water that has the potential to harm the economy, ecology, and recreational/ascetic interests of a sensitive coastal ecosystem is "insignificant." Further, Holtec's proposed discharge is not necessary. Holtec itself has acknowledged that there are other options available to it – its application to modify its permit is merely an effort to increase its profits from its decommissioning activities, rather than a necessity to achieve that operation. Second, DEP regulations allow discharges such as the one proposed by Holtec only "for the express purpose and intent of maintaining or enhancing" Cape Cod Bay; something Holtec's planned discharge plainly will not do.

Given the foregoing, the proposed Holtec discharge does not comport with either the letter or spirit of the state laws and regulations enacted to protect our waters. Therefore, in the strongest possible terms, I urge the DEP to issue a Final Determination permanently denying Holtec's request to modify its existing permit and enjoining Holtec from any such release.

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Sincerely,

Anne Marie Oxner
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Draft decision regarding Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Briana Kane [REDACTED]

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Briana C. Kane
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Nina Kornstein [REDACTED]

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Nina Kornstein and David Myers
[REDACTED]