

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 17-09

Whereas, the original design for the spent fuel pool at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS) was for 880 assemblies, and now holds over 2,822 densely racked and packed, highly radioactive fuel assemblies which will need safe storage for many centuries, and;

Whereas, this same pool holds over eleven times the amount of Cesium released at Chernobyl, and;

Whereas, the MA Attorney General Office 2006 report cited an accident at PNPS could result in 24,000 latent cancers, \$488 billion in damages, and contamination of hundreds of miles downwind, and;

Whereas, for much of the year Barnstable County towns are downwind of PNPS, and;

Whereas, 885 Boraflex panels, which prevent criticality and fire, are susceptible to unacceptable levels of deterioration, and;

Whereas, the PNPS spent fuel pool is vulnerable to terrorist and cyber attack, as well as to adverse weather and ocean change impacts, and;

Whereas, citizens of Barnstable County find PNPS to be an unacceptable threat to our health and safety which must be resolved in the timeliest manner - which concern is reflected in the overwhelming supportive majorities in favor of non-binding advisories to this effect in each of the fourteen town meetings, and by Barnstable Town ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates:

Resolves to communicate to Governor Baker our expectation, that in order to protect the health, welfare, and economic interests of Barnstable County residents and visitors, he employ all means available to his office to ensure that spent nuclear fuel generated by the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station be placed in secure dry casks as soon as technically feasible, consistent with the highest safety standards, and ready to be moved to a permanent federal facility when available.

The Clerk of the Assembly is authorized to have delivered to the Governor a certified copy of this Resolution.

(Submitted by Provincetown Delegate Brian O'Malley at a regular Assembly of Delegates meeting on November 15, 2017)