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NRC Region I Office to Conduct Webinar on Use of Dry Cask Storage at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will present a webinar on Thursday, Dec. 12, regarding the planned dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel at the Pilgrim nuclear power plant. The purpose of the webinar is to provide key factual information about how dry cask storage works and how the NRC regulates its use through on-site inspections and other reviews.

"There has been interest among members of the public in the vicinity of the Pilgrim plant about the use of dry cask storage at the site," said Bill Dean, Administrator of the NRC Region I Office, which is located in King of Prussia, Pa., and oversees inspections at nuclear power plants in the northeastern United States. "Our hope is that this webinar will be helpful in providing information to the public on this topic."

The webinar will begin at 3 p.m. Participants will be able to view slides prepared by NRC staff and ask questions in writing via a web page set up to host the session. Online <u>registration</u> is required to take part.

Pilgrim is located in Plymouth, Mass. It is owned and operated by Entergy. Work is currently underway on the concrete pad that will hold dry cask storage units, with plans to move loaded casks to the pad sometime in the summer of 2014.

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