

State legislation was recently filed by Rep. Matt Muratore (1st Plymouth-R) and Rep. Kathy LaNatra (12th Plymouth-D) that would terminate the current Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel and replace it with a State Oversight Panel (HD 3705-An Act updating the decommissioning oversight of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant). In keeping with our mission to protect Cape Cod Bay from Holtec's planned discharge of over a million gallons of radioactive water in violation of the MA AGO/Holtec Settlement agreement, **we oppose HD3705**. In effect, it disenfranchises residents of the region and the many businesses that rely on a safe and clean Cape Cod Bay.

- It reduces the number of community members on the panel to a minority. It is our fellow citizens that are the heart of this panel. They live here with us and represent our values. The members likely to be cut have all forcefully spoken out against Holtec's planned radioactive waste water discharge.
- The existing citizen advisory panel has been a successful forum that has marshaled public outcry and support from federal and state legislators that highlight strong opposition to Holtec's illegal plan to dump the wastewater. Without this existing panel, our public platform and voices are diminished.
- It eliminates the legal requirement for Holtec to provide any information to the panel or answer direct questions from the community.
- It eliminates the legal requirement and public venue for Holtec to provide information on the Trust Fund for the decommissioning and for the Panel to exercise watchdog responsibility over these funds. Holtec must be held accountable that the fund remains liquid.
- It eliminates non-Plymouth citizen panel members from surrounding concerned and impacted communities. More than twenty neighboring municipalities have passed initiatives voicing opposition to Holtec's planned discharge. Our voice is stronger when many communities work together.
- It is unnecessary. MA already has a strong Settlement Agreement with Holtec which prescribes the responsibilities of Holtec to our communities. The Attorney General and Governor have said they will enforce it.
- The proposed State Oversight Panel will consist mostly of representatives from state agencies that do not live in our community nor represent community values. The current Interagency Working Group that reports to the current NDCAP already exists with these state agencies represented.
- The future use of the site must be determined by our community to promote our vision and values, not just handed over to state agencies.

We ask our State senators and representatives to not co-sponsor HD3705. We support maintaining the existing panel so that decommissioning proceeds with health and safety as the priority under the watchful eye of concerned citizens and panel members who represent the community, environmental, and business interests.