

SENATE No. 1507

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to monitoring dry casks of spent nuclear fuel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1507) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Sarah K. Peake and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to monitor dry casks of spent nuclear fuel. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to monitoring dry casks of spent nuclear fuel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 5K of Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end
2 the following:-

3 "(I) For the purpose of preventing, mitigating, or alleviating impacts on the resources of
4 the commonwealth and to the health of its citizens from radiation emitted by spent nuclear fuel at
5 facilities that at any time generated electricity for retail customers in the commonwealth, (i) the
6 owner and operator of each such facility in the commonwealth that stores nuclear fuel in dry
7 casks shall report to the department of public health radiation control division, on a continuous
8 real-time basis, the temperature of and the rate of helium and radiation release from each such
9 dry cask. and (ii) the department of public health hall, in consultation with the office of the
10 attorney, promulgate rules and regulations to adopt and implement such reporting."