following the shutdown of nuclear power reactors.

Mandated by the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act, the report includes the findings from 11 public meetings that the NRC’s staff conducted from August through October 2019. During those meetings, the NRC gathered comments from host states, communities near nuclear power plants, and existing community advisory boards. The NRC also conducted two webinars and published a questionnaire in September 2019 to gather insight into the creation and operation of community advisory boards. Through its outreach efforts, the NRC received 1,235 oral and written comments from 216 commenters. In response to those comments, and to aid in the formation of community advisory boards, the NRC included the following best practices in its report to Congress:

1. Form advisory boards early in the decommissioning process.
2. Develop a charter or guiding document to formalize the board purpose, organizational structure, and general operations.
3. Consider local preferences for engagement and opening board meetings to the public whenever possible.
4. Maintain diversity in the membership of advisory boards.
5. Base the board meeting frequencies and discussion topics on the site status, ongoing activities, and level of stakeholder interest.
6. Assign specific funding sources to support board operations and activities.
7. Provide access to technical experts or specific training to better inform board discussions with the public.


Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey announced on June 17 that the state has agreed to withdraw its petitions

A settlement agreement in the decommissioning of the Pilgrim nuclear power plant was signed by the state of Massachusetts and Holtec.