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DEP to Exelon: Protect our water

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Cleanup after tritium leaks demanded

It's become a war of words between the Oyster Creek nuclear plant and state regulators over radioactive water.

State regulators earlier this month ordered the plant's owner, Exelon, to clean up tritium, a low-radiation, cancer-causing agent, that leaked from the plant last year.

The order didn't sit well with the plant. In a blunt legal letter to the state, Exelon said the state has no authority over the plant. The order, Exelon said, was in its eyes, "void" and "vague."

The letter stated that Exelon "cannot agree to take any action at any time

that the DEP orders, as required in the directive," because the federal government regulates the company.

But the plant will continue to work with the state to address the tritium issue, the letter added.

On Tuesday, Bob Martin, the commissioner of

the state Department of Environmental Protection, which issued the May 7 cleanup order, fired back.

"Exelon needs to stop making legal arguments about this issue and spend its time ensuring that tritium does not further contaminate New Jersey's drinking water supply,"

Martin said in a statement. "The DEP is in charge of protecting drinking water in the state of New Jersey," he said. "Anything that would endanger a New Jersey aquifer is of great concern to us and demands an aggressive DEP response."

In response, Oyster Creek issued its own statement.

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TOMS RIVER VICTIMS: Using remote-controlled boat

Father, son drown in pond in Lakewood

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TOMS RIVER BUREAU

let and a set of keys in the grass.

LAKWOOD — A father and son playing with a remote-controlled boat on a popular fishing pond drowned Monday, as one appeared to try to save the other, police said.

Mark Volz, 47, and his son, Mark Jr., 17, both of Toms River, were last seen about 4:30 p.m. operating the red 4- to 5-foot boat from the banks of a retention pond off Cedar Bridge Avenue in the industrial campus, according to police.

At 6 p.m., a man driving to the post office saw the boat capsized and bobbing unmanned in the water, police said. Ten minutes later, he again passed the pond, this time stopping behind the Volzes' green pickup truck, parked with its door open on the shoulder of Vassar Avenue. Concerned, the man called the police, who arrived to find nothing but a fishing pole, boots, wal-

A diving team was called from Brick. In three minutes, they recovered the father's body some 40 feet from shore, in 8 to 10 feet of water. An hour later and 75 feet further out, Volz Jr. was found. Both were declared dead by a medical examiner at the scene.

It isn't clear what happened. One possible scenario, police said, was that one attempted to wade out to retrieve or right the boat, began to struggle and the other entered the water to try to rescue him.

"The bottom of the pond is heavy with weeds and muck," Lt. William Addison said. "Probably one got in the water and the other tried a rescue."

Police are treating the incident as an accident while an autopsy is performed.

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