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UPDATED – NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on Palisades Restart License Amendment Requests

UPDATE – Due to expected inclement weather, the proceeding will be virtual-only, starting at 11 a.m. The public will be able to listen to the virtual session using the telephone line information below.

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument Feb. 12 on adjudicatory hearing petitions concerning Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC's, and Holtec Palisades, LLC's, license amendment requests and an exemption request related to a potential restart of the Palisades Nuclear Plant. Palisades is located in Covert, Michigan.

The oral argument will allow the board to ask questions regarding challenges from two petitioning groups, a group of nine individuals (Joint Petitioners) and a group of five organizations (Petitioning Organizations). The three administrative judges on the board will hear argument from representatives for the petitioning groups, Holtec, and the NRC staff.

The public may listen to the oral argument by dialing 301-576-2978 and entering passcode 101 394 753#. For additional information please contact Twana Ellis at Twana.Ellis@nrc.gov or 301-415-6094.

The board is composed of three administrative judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Boards conduct adjudicatory hearings on NRC licensing and enforcement actions, and they are independent of the NRC staff. A board's rulings may be appealed to the Commission, the five-member body that sets NRC policy.

Information on the Palisades restart review is available on the [NRC website](#) (click on "Potential Restart").