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## NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on Palisades Restart Environmental Assessment

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument May 15 on new and amended challenges to Holtec Decommissioning International LLC's and Holtec Palisades LLC's requests for four license amendments related to a potential restart of the Palisades Nuclear Plant. Palisades is located in Covert, Michigan.

The oral argument will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern time. It will allow the board to ask questions regarding challenges from a group of five organizations, known as the petitioning organizations, to the NRC staff's environmental assessment. The three administrative judges on the board will hear argument from representatives for the petitioning organizations, Holtec, and the NRC staff.

The proceeding will be held via webinar. It will be open to the public via a listen-only telephone line by dialing 301-576-2978 and entering passcode 161 010 605#. For additional information please contact Twana Ellis at <a href="mailto:Twana.Ellis@nrc.gov">Twana.Ellis@nrc.gov</a> 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 <u>website</u> (click on "Potential Restart").