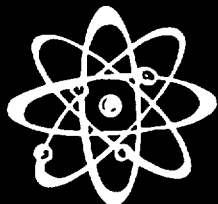


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AEC PLANS ISSUANCE OF LICENSE FOR OPERATION OF  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN MICHIGAN

The Atomic Energy Commission is giving notice of intent to issue a license authorizing Consumers Power Company to begin operation of the nuclear power plant at its Palisades site near South Haven, Michigan.

The Palisades Plant is located on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan in Covert Township, Van Buren County, about four and a half miles south of South Haven. The facility uses a pressurized water reactor and will have a net electrical output of about 700,000 kilowatts. Construction of the plant was authorized by an AEC permit issued in March of 1967. Combustion Engineering, Inc., furnished the nuclear steam supply system and Bechtel Corporation designed and built the balance of the plant.

AEC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has reviewed the application for an operating license and a copy of its report has been made public (see AEC public announcement N-13 dated 2/5/70). Copies of a safety evaluation by the AEC Regulatory Staff will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street N.W., Washington, D. C., or may be obtained by writing to the Director, Division of Reactor Licensing, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545.

Unless a petition to intervene is received by the Commission within 30 days after publication of notice in the Federal Register on March 10, 1970, the license will be issued. Such a petition should be sent to the Secretary, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Chief, Public Proceedings Branch.

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Before the license is issued, the facility will be inspected by the AEC Regulatory Staff to determine that construction of the plant, including the necessary pre-operational testing, has been satisfactorily completed.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND CORRESPONDENTS: This information also is being issued by the Commission's Chicago Operations Office at Argonne, Illinois.)