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General Comment

As a citizen of Wisconsin, who lives on the shores of our shared Lake Michigan, I am concerned about the status of the Palisades Nuclear Plant and Big Rock Point Plant Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Control of Licenses and Conforming Amendments. It's time to put aside Nuclear Power because of the harm they do to the environment, the high cost, and the risk to the health of the residents of Michigan- and nearby states. Shut them down and convert the waste to hardened onsite storage, please.

In 2006, as part of its resistance to the 20-year license extension at Palisades, a coalition of 25 local grassroots, multi-state regional, and even national groups, representing 200,000 Michigander members and supporters alone, submitted broad comments to NRC on its related Draft Environmental Impact Statement. See the comments' executive summary, [here](#); see the complete comments, [here](#). The comments addressed a comprehensive array of concerns, including re:

- (a.) security;
- (b.) highly radioactive waste storage, handling, and disposition, including transportation (very long overdue need for Hardened On-Site Storage);
- (c.) hazardous radioactive discharges to the environment, a risk to the food chain and drinking water supply downwind and downstream;
- (d.) ever worsening global warming;
- (e.) revenues (lack thereof) for the host municipalities, like Covert Township;
- (f.) ratepayers (and/or taxpayers) left holding the bag;
- (g.) threatened, endangered, or candidate species put at risk from radioactivity and/or toxic chemical releases, whether acute due to accident, or chronic due to leakage of contamination;
- (h.) Indigenous Nations' interests, such as protection of burial sites, and other cultural properties, protection of treaty rights, etc.;

- (i.) embrittled and aged safety significant systems, structures, and components;
- (j.) emergency preparedness in surrounding communities;
- (k.) Environmental Justice;
- (l.) compliance with Canadian-U.S. International Joint Commission commitments, including Boundary Waters Treaty obligations.