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General Comment

I object to the transfer of the Operating License DPR-20 for the Palisades-Covert Nuclear plant from Entergy Nuclear Palisades to Holtec International. Both myself and my extended family own properties less than a mile from this troubled plant's embrittled Reactor Pressure Vessel that has experienced too many emergency shutdowns & dangerous operational problems over many years. We are very fearful that Holtec International lacks the capital necessary to achieve safe and thorough clean up & remediation of this plant site. Many years of slipshod operation by Entergy have polluted the plant site including soil and groundwater with Tritium leaks that well exceed the shallow depth remediation level in Holtec's proposed plan. The danger to the area water table is of significant concern to thousands of nearby residents who draw their well water from the ground near the plant. Holtec's plan to manage the highly radioactive spent fuel rods & their associated vulnerable casks is inadequate. The casks' structure is insufficient for long term storage and there is no viable solution to moving the spent fuel rods to another site. The location of the spent fuel so close to Lake Michigan in an area subject to derecho storms is an accident waiting to happen and makes me lose sleep. The current Decommissioning Trust Fund is inadequate to cover the actual cost of completing this substantial safety intensive project based on similar projects in the industry and Entergy should not be let off the hook. I am depending on the NRC Commissioners to protect my life, the lives of my family and our at risk property near this old, beat up plant site during the pending shut down, clean up, and remediation. Please review the proposed license transfer with increased oversight scrutiny. Carolyn O'Connor Ferry, Covert, MI. 49043