NRC to Hold Decommissioning Plan Public Meeting for Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Michigan

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting Sept. 22 in South Haven, Michigan, to discuss and receive public comment on Holtec Decommissioning International’s plans for decommissioning the Palisades nuclear power plant.

The meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. Eastern time, at the South Haven campus of Lake Michigan College, located at 125 Veterans Blvd., in South Haven. This will be a hybrid meeting, also available online. Information for accessing the meeting online will be posted on the NRC’s public meeting webpage at least 10 calendar days before the meeting.

The NRC staff will accept public comments on Holtec’s plan, called the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report, through Dec. 27. Details on how to submit comments were published Aug. 26 in the Federal Register. The report includes a site-specific decommissioning cost estimate and an overview of Holtec’s planned activities, schedule, projected costs, and environmental impacts for decommissioning the Palisades plant.

The Palisades Nuclear Plant is a single pressurized water reactor, located in Covert, Michigan. It operated from Dec. 31, 1971, to May 20, 2022. The plant operator, Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc., sold the plant to Holtec, effective June 28, for the purposes of decommissioning.