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## General Comment

I am a longtime board member of a nuclear watchdog group descended from the Clamshell Alliance that tried unsuccessfully to stop the Seabrook reactor in New Hampshire. Our name is Seacoast Antipollution League and our goal, having failed to stop the premature relicensing of our aging nuclear plant, is to persuade the State of NH to replace nuclear with renewables, especially offshore wind power. We heartily oppose the efforts of Holtec International to "re-nuclearize" or rehabilitate the decommissioned plant at Palisades on Lake Michigan. This approval has already generated copycat efforts from other decommissioned nuclear sites! This is a scam. Just read this indictment of a Holtec board member in NJ (<https://beyondnuclear.org/long-serving-holtec-board-member-indicted-on-racketeering-in-new-jersey/>) or the \$5 million fine against Holtec in January 2024: <https://www.njspotlightnews.org/2024/01/holtec-camden-will-pay-5-million-fine-false-documents-nj-tax-breaks-controversial-nuclear-projects/>,

What were the problems of the Palisades reactor. "As a result of erosion near the plant, structures have fallen into Lake Michigan. In addition, with no permanent disposal site for Palisades' nuclear waste, the plant's radioactive waste is stored in concrete casks near Lake Michigan. May 17, 2024." Pressurizer problems showed up in the control panels. Metal components had become brittle. These documented reasons, along with financial problems, led to its decommissioning in 2022. Recommissioning a structure what dates back to 1967 is absurd. We live in a new era of wind and solar which do not have the harmful effects of storing radioactive waste forever, and the susceptibility to climate change effects. Nuclear power is NOT green and NOT efficient; it depends on government handouts. We in NH are still paying rates reflecting the problems of nuclear power. It is time to transition out of nuclear.

