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**To:** [Abigail P](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Concern Over Palisades Nuclear Plant  
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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your comment regarding the *Federal Register* notice, “**Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, and Holtec Palisades, LLC; Palisades Nuclear Plant; Notice of Intent To Conduct Scoping Process and Prepare an Environmental Assessment,**” ([89 FR 53659](#)). Your comment will be processed and available for public viewing on Regulations.gov in 10 business days ([NRC-2024-0076](#)).

Thank you!

Kind regards,  
-Stacy

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**To:** Stacy Schumann <[Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Concern Over Palisades Nuclear Plant

Dear Ms. Schumann and others-

I am writing to you today to express my concern over the reopening of the Palisades Nuclear Powerplant in Covert, MI.

Covert is a special place for me and my family. My grandparents bought a cottage in Palisades Park back in 1978 so that our family could gather together and create memories. Our family is 192 strong. I tell you this because it matters. There are 192 people behind this email asking you to NOT let Holtec reopen the Palisade’s Nuclear Power Plant.

My grandmother is 94 and is so excited to visit Palisades in August. Our family has spent the last 46 summers gathering together from several different states to gather together and spend time with each other while enjoying all the beauty southwestern Michigan has to offer in the summer

Palisades, specifically, is a very special place to me. I've grown up learning to swim in the lake, spent 25 summers growing up with other Palisades community members, and have made countless lifelong friends and precious memories in Palisades. There is no place on earth I hold higher than Palisades, not even my hometown.

Please understand that I've lived with the power plant for every summer of my life, with many of those living with an active powerplant. However, being an active, highly regulated power plant that undergoes rigorous tests and standards is very different than what Holtec is trying to do now.

Holtec's requested restart license present environmental risks and unknowns greater than an operating plant that seeks an extension of an existing license. For years, PNP's operator ran the plant knowing it was on a schedule to shut down permanently. PNP's operator deferred maintenance and investment based on this timeline. Simply stated, it operated the plant as a short-timer, not as if it would need to be on line through 2031, the expiration date of its then (1) existing license. The NRC granted waivers for safety upgrades that otherwise would have been required but for the imminent shut down. An additional risk here is the requested issuance of a new license to an entity that has never operated a nuclear power plant.

If the EPA mandates a rigorous EIS when determining whether an operating plant with an experienced licensee and ongoing investment and NRC oversight should be allowed to continue operating beyond its license term, shouldn't the EPA – and the NRC and DOE – require at least an EIS when a plant that has been shut down and not subject to the same level of review as an operating plant seeks to restart?

Holtec's request presents to the NRC and DOE an important and novel environmental impact question: can this plant, with its history of financial distress, aging infrastructure, deferred maintenance, and degradation from being out of operation, be restarted and operated safely without causing unacceptable risk to the immediate community, environment and the cherished resources of the Great Lakes? Answering this question requires the highest level of environmental review – an EIS that is directed to the unique circumstances of this plant and the unprecedented request before the NRC to restart a permanently shut down nuclear facility.

I ask you to thoughtfully consider and I thank you for doing so. I'm hopeful you'll take to heart the sentiment our family expresses, and maintain the mission of the NRC to protect public health, safety, and the environment.

Thanks,  
Abby Park and the 191 members of the O'Brien Family