

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Emily I. Krause, Chair
Dr. Gary S. Arnold
Dr. Arielle J. Miller

In the Matter of

HOLTEC DECOMMISSIONING
INTERNATIONAL, LLC, AND HOLTEC
PALISADES, LLC

(Palisades Nuclear Plant)

Docket No. 50-255-LA-3

ASLBP No. 24-986-01-LA-BD01

February 3, 2025

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

(Scheduling Briefing Concerning the Draft Environmental Assessment
and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact)

On January 31, 2025, the NRC Staff notified the Licensing Board and the participants in this proceeding that the Staff has issued a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).¹ The Staff asserts that the draft EA and draft FONSI relate to Petitioning Organizations' proposed environmental contentions.² We therefore request written briefing on the impact of these documents, if any, on the proposed contentions currently pending before the Board. Participants also should be prepared to discuss the potential impact of these documents during the February 12, 2025 prehearing conference.

Initial briefs are due February 19, 2025, and responses are due February 26, 2025.

Initial briefs may not exceed fifteen pages, and responses may not exceed ten pages.

¹ Notification of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (Jan. 31, 2025) at 2.

² Id.

In addition, we request that the participants confer and jointly propose a schedule for new and amended contentions based on the draft EA and draft FONSI, including deadlines for answers and replies.³ The joint proposed schedule should be submitted by February 19, 2025.⁴

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

/NA/

Emily I. Krause, Chair
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
February 3, 2025

³ See 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(c), (i).

⁴ At the outset of this proceeding, we established a thirty-day deadline for new and amended contentions, which continues to apply unless we order otherwise. See Licensing Board Order (Initial Prehearing Order) (Sept. 19, 2024) at 4 n.12; Licensing Board Order (Amending Initial Prehearing Order) (Oct. 17, 2024) at 2. We expect that the participants' joint proposed deadline for new and amended contentions would not extend past that thirty-day window by more than a few weeks, absent sufficient justification.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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