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Subject: [External_Sender] Holtec Palisades Emergency License Amendment Request for Alternative Fuel Handling Method
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Dear Ms. Doell,

The Nuclear Information and Resource Service opposes the request of Holtec Palisades to bypass, on an "emergency" basis, procedures for environmental reviews, technical reviews, cost analysis, and post-accident review for a license amendment that would allow for use of an "alternative fuel handling method" following the mishandling of an irradiated fuel assembly during fuel loading several weeks ago. There is no emergency justification for the requested amendment, and NRC should deny it. Either the fuel assembly in question is undamaged and no alternative procedure is necessary; or it is damaged and its condition should be thoroughly examined before it is loaded into the reactor.

Sincerely,
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