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To Marlayna Doell, Project Manager, Operating Radiation Licensing Branch 3

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Dear Ms. Doell,

I urge the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to NOT issue a waiver of normal procedures regarding the situation of the tilted fuel assembly now stuck at the Palisades nuclear plant. This is a very serious situation which demands a full and comprehensive review, with public participation, and the development of a plan of action for going forward - it is not an emergency that justifies divergence from sound operating procedures.

The NRC was formed to advocate for and protect public health and to ensure safe operation of inherently dangerous nuclear reactors, not to promote and support industry entities such as Holtec. Of course any delay resulting from this operational accident is disadvantageous for Holtec and its owners, but they are not the constituency you are meant to serve and protect. And the accident occurred under their management.

Especially in light of Holtec's numerous mistakes at Palisades, even more careful attention should be paid as to resolving this significant problem which could potentially be catastrophic. Holtec is new to and inexperienced in reactor operation, as evidenced by their lack of proper 'wet layup' of the steam generators when they first acquired the plant. Consequently, more review and oversight is called for, rather than exempting them from normal procedures.

Should there be a major accident at Palisades, the Great Lakes (20% of the world's fresh water and the source of drinking water for 40 million people), midwestern agricultural production, and the large cities of Milwaukee and Chicago as well as many smaller communities, will be adversely impacted.

Furthermore, such an occurrence will stop nuclear power development. Whether one is for or against the use of nuclear energy for power production, absolute safety is needed for this industry and the U.S. population.

I urge the NRC to fulfill its mission to protect the public and the environment.

Sincerely,
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