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Subject:	[External_Sender] To NRC: Palisades: Opposed to Restart/Tipped Fuel Rod Assembly/Plans
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Dear Ms. Doell: I reside and work within the "evacuation zone" of Palisades Nuclear Plant. I oppose Holtec's proposed fuel rod assembly loading plan.

Holtec International officials said that on Aug. 30 workers were loading fuel assemblies into the reactor when one tilted and the fuel-handling grapple machine disengaged.

As you are aware this is only the most recent "problem" encountered in this "experiment" in nuclear plant resurrection:

> The fuel assembly incident is the most recent delay in Holtec's effort to restart Palisades, which could become the first U.S. nuclear plant to return to generating electricity after entering the decommissioning process.
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> Earlier delays in the restart were caused by extensive repairs to steam generators required after inspectors found defects in the equipment.

An NRC inspection report issued Aug. 31 cited Holtec for other low-level violations involving work done between December 2025 and March 2026. Inspectors found that Palisades failed to properly control radioactive contamination and evaluate potential internal radiation doses to workers.

The demonstrated history above supports the conclusion "systemic quality assurance shortfalls" at Palisades exist under Holtec's unprecedented attempts to "restart" the aged plant that has exceeded by many years its engineered "safety lifetime."

The NRC has documented this danger and potential damage should the "restart" continue its checkered run:

> A 1982 NRC report (CRAC-II, short for Calculation of Reactor Accident Consequences, also known as the 1982 Sandia Siting Study or NUREG/CR-2239) estimated Palisades' meltdown would cause: a thousand acute radiation poisoning deaths; 7,000 radiation injuries; 10,000 latent cancer deaths; and more than $50 billion in property damage downwind and downstream. Adjusting for inflation alone, property damage would now surmount $175 billion in current dollar figures. And the Associated Press has warned that, given population growth near American atomic reactors like Palisades over the past several decades, a proportional increase in casualty figures would also result, given more people live, work, and recreate in harm's way. AP also cited neutron-embrittlement of the reactor pressure vessel (RPV), and risk of through-wall fracture from pressurized thermal shock, as a top example of NRC weakening safety regulations to accommodate continued operations at age-degraded reactors. NRC has admitted that Palisades, and the Point Beach Unit 2 reactor, also on Lake Michigan's shore in Wisconsin, are the two worst-embrittled RPVs in the country. Watchdogs have warned about Palisades' embrittlement for more than three decades.

Given the potential downsides to Holtec's failures to date and probable future failures given the complexity of issues facing the "restart" and the fact a nuclear plant has never been successfully resurrected, the NRC ought terminate the attempt and require closure and clean up. Thank you.

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