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NRC Announces Opportunity to Request a Hearing on Holtec's Limited Work Authorization Application at Palisades

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced in the Federal Register the [opportunity to request an adjudicatory hearing](#) on a Limited Work Authorization application from SMR, LLC, a Holtec International subsidiary. The LWA is related to the proposed Pioneer dual-unit SMR-300, a small modular reactor plant that, if approved, would be co-located with the Palisades Nuclear Plant in Covert, Michigan.

Petitions to intervene in a hearing must be filed by April 28 by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed LWA and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. Additional information on the [hearing process](#) is available on the NRC website.

The NRC staff has determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally docket it and begin its detailed technical review. Docketing the application does not indicate whether the agency will grant the LWA.

The company submitted the application on Dec. 31, 2025, seeking an LWA for certain construction activities for two potential SMR-300 units, each of which would produce approximately 300 megawatts of electricity. The application covers activities such as soil compaction, backfilling, and installing foundations. Information about the NRC's interactions regarding the SMR-300 project is available on the [NRC website](#).

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.