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NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Argument on Palisades Restart License Amendment Requests

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will conduct an oral argument Feb. 12 on adjudicatory hearing petitions concerning Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC's, and Holtec Palisades, LLC's, license amendment requests and an exemption request related to a potential restart of the Palisades Nuclear Plant. Palisades is located in South Haven, Michigan.

The oral argument will begin at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time. It will allow the board to ask questions regarding challenges from two petitioning groups, a group of nine individuals (Joint Petitioners) and a group of five organizations (Petitioning Organizations). The three administrative judges on the board will hear argument from representatives for the petitioning groups, Holtec, and the NRC staff.

The proceeding will be in the ASLB's Hearing Room at NRC headquarters. It will be open for observation in person and via a listen-only telephone line. Those who want to attend in person should use the NRC's main entrance at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland, and should arrive by 7:30 a.m. Eastern time to allow time for security screening and escort to the hearing room before the oral argument begins. Visitors must provide a valid government-issued photo ID during the screening process. Signs, banners, displays or other demonstration materials are prohibited in the hearing room.

The public may listen to the oral argument by dialing 301-576-2978 and entering passcode 101 394 753#. For additional information please contact Twana Ellis at Twana. Ellis@nrc.gov or 301-415-6094.

The board is composed of three administrative judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Boards conduct adjudicatory hearings on NRC licensing and enforcement actions, and they are independent of the NRC staff. A board's rulings may be appealed to the Commission, the five-member body that sets NRC policy.

Information on the Palisades restart review is available on the NRC website (click on "Potential Restart").