

adjourned in the Conference Center at the Constitution Center. The agenda for the morning session (open to the public) will be as follows:

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- B. Reports
 - 1. Chair's Remarks
 - 2. Presentations by the U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Executive Director of Florida Humanities

The remainder of the plenary session will be for consideration of specific applications before the Council. The agenda for the afternoon session (closed to the public) will be as follows:

- A. Reports
 - 1. Actions on Requests for Chair's Grants and Supplemental Funding
 - 2. Actions on Previously Considered Applications
- B. Digital Humanities
- C. Education Programs
- D. Federal/State Partnership
- E. Preservation and Access
- F. Public Programs
- G. Research Programs

As identified above, portions of the meeting of the National Council on the Humanities will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4), 552b(c)(6), and 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, because it will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, and discussion of certain information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chair's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated April 15, 2016.

Please note that individuals planning to attend the public session of the meeting are subject to security screening procedures. If you wish to attend the public session, please inform NEH as soon as possible by contacting gencounsel@neh.gov; or (202) 606-8322. Please provide advance notice of any special needs or accommodations, including for a sign language interpreter.

Dated: July 3, 2024.

Jessica Graves,
Paralegal Specialist, National Endowment for the Humanities.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255; NRC-2024-0123]

Holtec Palisades, LLC; Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC; Palisades Nuclear Plant; Petition

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: 10 CFR 2.206 request; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is giving notice that by petition dated December 5, 2023, Beyond Nuclear, Michigan State Energy Future, and Don't Waste Michigan (the petitioners) filed a petition to intervene and a request for hearing on a proceeding to exempt the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant (Palisades) from certain requirements in NRC regulations. In denying the request for hearing, the Commission referred Contention 2 of the request, regarding the misuse of decommissioning funds, to the enforcement petition process under NRC regulations. The petitioner's requests are included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

DATES: July 9, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0123 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0123. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James S. Kim, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-4125; email: James.Kim@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 28, 2023, Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (Holtec), on behalf of Holtec Palisades, LLC, submitted a request (ADAMS Accession No. ML23271A140) to exempt the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant (Palisades) from certain requirements in section 50.82 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Termination of license." On December 5, 2023, the petitioners filed a petition to intervene and a request for hearing on this exemption proceeding (ADAMS Accession No. ML23339A192). In denying the request for hearing (ADAMS Accession No. ML23352A325), the Commission referred Contention 2 of the request, regarding the misuse of decommissioning funds, to the enforcement petition process under 10 CFR 2.206, "Requests for action under this subpart."

The underlying concern in Contention 2 of the December 5, 2023, request is that "Holtec misused the decommissioning trust fund (DTF) to keep Palisades in a status to restart the reactor, rather than to decommission the plant." The petitioners cited 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8) regarding appropriate uses of the DTF. Specifically, the petition to intervene asserted that:

1. Holtec expended \$44 million from the Palisades DTF from June 28 to December 31, 2022 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23090A140).

2. Holtec continued improper utilization of Palisades DTF from December 31, 2022, to present.

The NRC staff assembled a Petition Review Board (PRB) in accordance with NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.11, "Review Process for 10 CFR 2.206 Petitions," and its associated Directive Handbook 8.11, Section III (ADAMS Accession No. ML18296A043). On February 29, 2024 (ADAMS Accession No. ML24061A014), the petition manager informed the petitioners that the PRB's initial assessment was to not accept the petition for review. The PRB's position was that the petition did not meet the MD 8.11 criteria for

accepting petitions under 10 CFR 2.206 because the issues raised regarding Holtec's use of the Palisades DTF in 2022 had already been addressed through the NRC's inspection and enforcement process.

In August and November 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23276B452 and ADAMS Accession No. ML24045A147, respectively), the NRC completed inspections that addressed, in part, the use of the Palisades DTF. As a result of these inspections, the NRC identified several instances, totaling just over \$57,000, in which the licensee used the Palisades DTF to pay for activities not considered legitimate decommissioning expenses per the definition in 10 CFR 50.2, "Definitions."

The NRC confirmed that the unauthorized reimbursements from the Palisades DTF were the result of inadvertent oversights and/or inattention to detail in the coding associated with the billing for various projects and community donations. The licensee has implemented several process revisions to address order coding modification issues/errors, as well as training to eliminate these issues from future DTF expenditures. In February 2024, the NRC issued Holtec a Severity Level IV Non-Cited Violation to address the illegitimate use of decommissioning funds at Palisades (ADAMS Accession No. ML24045A147).

On February 29, 2024, along with the initial assessment, the petition manager offered the petitioners an opportunity to address the PRB in a public meeting. This meeting was held on April 10, 2024. The transcript of that meeting is publicly available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML24114A016 and is considered a supplement to the petition. During the April 10, 2024, meeting, the petitioners discussed DTF expenditures of \$120 million noted in the 2023 Decommissioning Funding Status Report for Palisades, which was submitted to the NRC on March 29, 2024 (ADAMS Accession No. ML24089A117). The petitioners also raised concerns about whether the \$120 million was properly used for decommissioning expenditures in accordance with the current NRC requirements and guidance.

Following the April 10, 2024, public meeting, the PRB met to consider what had been presented during the meeting. The PRB found that the issues regarding use of the Palisades DTF in 2022 have been addressed through the inspection and enforcement process, as previously mentioned in this notice. Therefore, the PRB is not accepting those issues into the 10 CFR 2.206 process. The concerns the petitioners raised at the public

meeting regarding the recently submitted 2023 expenditure report for Palisades involve new information that has not yet been fully considered by the NRC. Therefore, in accordance with MD 8.11, Section III.C, the PRB is accepting that portion of the petitioner's concern into the 10 CFR 2.206 process for further review. However, the PRB is holding the petition review in abeyance until the NRC's review of the 2023 expenditure report for Palisades is complete, as it is relevant to the decision on the 10 CFR 2.206 petition.

Dated: July 2, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael King,

Deputy Office Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2024-0119]

Monthly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Monthly notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 189a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular monthly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration (NSHC), notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

DATES: Comments must be filed by August 8, 2024. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by September 9, 2024. This monthly notice includes all amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from May 24, 2024, to June 20, 2024. The last monthly notice was published on June 11, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic

comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

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- **Mail comments to:** Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Lent, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-1365; email: Susan.Lent@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

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