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NRC LICENSING BOARD TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENT AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS NOV. 3 IN PALISADES LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEEDING

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, an independent judicial arm of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, will hear oral arguments in the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant license renewal proceeding on Thurs., Nov. 3, in South Haven, Mich. The Board will also receive comments from interested members of the public in an evening session.

The oral arguments and other issues in the proceeding are scheduled to be heard at 9 a.m. EST in the Conference Room at the Ramada Inn Lighthouse and Conference Center, 1555 Phoenix Rd., South Haven. The session will be open for public observation.

The Board will also receive comments from interested members of the public, known as limited appearance statements, in a session from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. EST at the same location. Speakers will be allotted approximately 5 minutes each for their statements.

In the morning proceeding, the Board will consider oral arguments on the admissibility of issues raised by five organizations and 31 individuals who requested a hearing on the proposed renewal of the Palisades operating license and petitioned to intervene in the proceeding. If necessary, the proceeding will continue on the morning of Nov. 4.

Nuclear Management Co., operator of the plant at Covert, Mich., submitted an application for renewal of the license for a 20-year period on March 31. The plant's NRC license is due to expire March 24, 2011.

The request for a hearing and petition to intervene were submitted on Aug. 8 by Nuclear Information and Resource Service, West Michigan Environmental Action Council, Don't Waste Michigan, Green Party of Van Buren County, Michigan Land Trustees, and 31 individuals.

Documents related to the license renewal application are available on the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/palisades.html>. Documents in the Licensing Board proceeding are available in the NRC's online document library at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>. Use accession number ML052940221 for the Petitioner's Request for a hearing and accession number ML052860361 for the Licensing Board's Order scheduling the oral argument and public comment session.

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