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General Comment

I oppose the Lake Michigan shoreline Palisades & Big Rock Point nuclear power plant sites' license transfer from Entergy to Holtec.

30 days is far from enough time for the public to prepare meaningful comments on this complex license transfer application. The risks associated with the highly radioactive irradiated nuclear fuel stored at both sites will persist for a million years, or longer, into the future (Nuclear Energy Institute versus U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, case filed 2002, ruling issued July 9, 2004). Thus, an additional 60 days for the submission of public comments is a reasonable request, especially considering the ongoing burdens concerned citizens are facing due to the ongoing, deadly Covid-19 pandemic.

In 2006, as part of its resistance to the 20-year license extension at Palisades, a coalition of 25 local grassroots, multi-state regional, and even national groups, representing 200,000 Michigander members and supporters alone, submitted broad comments to NRC on its related Draft Environmental Impact Statement. None of Palisades' various owners/operators (Consumers Energy, Nuclear Management Corp., Entergy), nor NRC, have ever adequately addressed any of these concerns, if they've addressed them at all. Many, to most, to all, remain relevant, even post-reactor shutdown, during the decommissioning phase.

An executive summary of the extensive comments can be found here:
<http://archives.nirs.us/reactorwatch/licensing/executivesummary051806.pdf>