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## General Comment

We are writing with concern about the protection of the irreplaceable Great Lakes against radioactive risks involved with the transfer of licenses and ownership, from current owner Entergy Nuclear to proposed new owner Holtec International, for the Palisades and Big Rock Point nuclear power plant sites.

Holtec proposes to do the decommissioning (facility dismantlement and radiological cleanup) of the Palisades site, and highly radioactive waste (irradiated nuclear fuel) management at both sites. (NRC approved the supposed completion of decommissioning at the closed Big Rock Point atomic reactor, and release of the site for unrestricted use, in 2006, a decision that a broad environmental coalition, including Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Don't Waste Michigan, and Coalition for a Nuclear-Free Great Lakes have protested, due to lingering hazardous radioactive contamination of the soil, groundwater, and Lake Michigan sediments, which pose an ongoing risk on-site and to the ecosystem, food chain, and drinking water supply downstream.

We wish to add our voices and concern to this protest. Risks to the ecosystem, food chain and drinking water supply downstream are issues of significant importance and must be seriously addressed by regulatory bodies.