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## General Comment

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I am a South Haven MI resident and I am deeply concerned about the decomposition proposal. Palisades should have been shut down long ago. It has been running with tritium leaking under the plant and in an embrittled aging state, at risk of shattering. There were times of serious internal accidents including a near melt down with a sump pump malfunction when the back up sump pump was being repaired. Workers have had to go through hours of decontamination because of radiation exposures. There is a lack of security at the plant. The pile up of nuclear waste at both Palisades and Big Rock Point is a serious threat that will not go away. Now there is the issue of rising lake water levels and serious beach erosion which contribute to the destabilization of nuclear plants close to water. Additional concerns include the existence of nuclear reactors on our precious resource of fresh water, the Great Lakes.

When ENTERGY bought Palisades from Consumers Power they said they would not do the repairs that Consumers promised it would do to obtain a license extension. Now ENTERGY wants to ditch its obligations and sell to HOLTEC. HOLTEC has a bad track record. They want concessions to raid the decommissioning fund. They want all the nuclear waste without any clear plan for permanent safe storage. They want the NRC to loosen its rules. HOLTEC does not propose enough money to adequately do the job or a clear plan of action. They instead propose to keep the plant running to increase the fund

for decommissioning (and to raid the existing fund). The nuclear industry is not capable of monitoring itself. It needs to be under the supervision of the NRC and the STATE of MICHIGAN. It will take years of deliberate and careful and safe operations to safely remove the nuclear power plants from the Great Lakes. Because tritium has been leaking underneath Palisades for over a decade, there may be a lot of radioactive material to remove. Sand is porous and the radioactive effluents could have leaked out in a plume far deeper. The routine radioactive releases into the air and lake can never be retrieved, but at least with proper decommissioning, it could stop more releases. Holtec needs to outline a better plan and address oversight from current stakeholders- residential community owners. Current proposal doesn't show how they would be accountable for waster removal in a safe manner. Please take this into consideration and holt transfer of controls until all above is addressed.