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NRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PALISADES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced today that an application for a 20-year renewal of the operating license for the Palisades nuclear power plant is available for public review.

The Palisades plant is located approximately five miles south of South Haven, Mich., and its current operating license expires on March 24, 2011.

The licensee, Nuclear Management Company, submitted the renewal application March 31. It is available on the NRC Web site at this address:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html> .

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial review of the application to determine whether it contains enough information for the required formal review. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally “docket,” or file, the application and will announce an opportunity to request a public hearing.

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