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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON APPLICATION TO RENEW OPERATING LICENSE FOR PALISADES NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating license for the Palisades Nuclear Plant for an additional 20 years.

The Palisades plant is a pressurized water reactor, located 5 miles south of South Haven, Mich. The Nuclear Management Co., LLC, submitted the renewal application March 22, as well as supplemental information on May 5. The current operating license for Palisades expires on March 24, 2011.

The NRC staff has determined that the application, as supplemented, contains sufficient information for the agency to formally "docket," or file, the application and begin its technical review. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds, nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant the application.

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing will be published shortly in the *Federal Register*. Petitions requesting a hearing may be filed anytime within 60 days of the notice. Petitions may be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding.

A request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 415-1101 or e-mail to HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov. A copy should also be submitted to the NRC Office of General Counsel, by facsimile to (301) 415-3725 or e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>. The Palisades renewal application is online at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/palisades.html>, and it is available for public view at the South Haven Memorial Library, 314 Broadway, South Haven, Mich.

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