

August 29, 2005

Dear fellow opponents to the Palisades nuclear reactor,

Thank you for signing a declaration form expressing your desire to intervene against the dangerous 20 year license extension proposed at the Palisades nuclear reactor. I want to take this opportunity to provide you a copy of the form you signed, as well as to update you on recent developments.

As many of you already know, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission held a public meeting at Lake Michigan College in South Haven on July 28th to take public "scoping" comments on NRC's upcoming Environmental Impact Statement regarding the proposed license extension. Well over a dozen concerned citizens and groups expressed opposition to the proposal that day, on the record. On August 8th (NRC's rushed deadline) our attorney, Terry Lodge of the Toledo Safe Energy Coalition in Ohio, filed as many declaration forms as possible, as well as our petition to NRC requesting to officially intervene against the license extension, and requesting NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hearings on the matter. We have not yet heard back from NRC on our request for intervention hearings, but hope to in the near future. Also on August 8th, our press conference at South Haven Public Library announcing our intervention went very well. The Associated Press covered the event, and articles appeared at Detroit News Online, as well as the St. Joe, South Haven, and Kalamazoo newspapers (enclosed). TV-3 (CBS) from Kalamazoo and TV-8 (NBC) from Grand Rapids covered the story, as did TV-13 from Battle Creek. WUOM, National Public Radio from Ann Arbor, as well as WGVS (NPR from Grand Rapids) also covered the event. Terry Lodge filed your declaration after August 8th, as a so-called "late-filed" declaration. We will continue to urge NRC to accept all the declarations, to accept you as an official intervenor.

On August 22nd, we also filed group comments to NRC on its deadline for environmental scoping. We had requested on July 28th that we be granted a postponement of the Aug. 22nd deadline, but NRC never responded to our request. So we made sure to file the comments by NRC's short deadline. A copy of the comments are enclosed, because they spell out many of the concerns that lead us to oppose the 20 year license extension at Palisades. As you can see by the list of organizations that signed onto the comments, our coalition is still growing. Michigan Environmental Council, for example, represents 70 grassroots groups across Michigan, which have a combined membership of 200,000 people. Also enclosed is the current version of our one page backgrounder opposing the Palisades license extension, and a list of groups endorsing the opposition. **Please use the backside of the backgrounder as a petition to get additional groups and/or individuals signed onto the coalition.**

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Please include all contact information for the group/individual, and mail the petition back to me. And finally, also enclosed is an editorial the Kalamazoo Gazette published in support of the Palisades license extension, as well as our rebuttal against it.

For those of you in southwest Michigan, **please consider attending a technical meeting between NRC and Palisades' operator Nuclear Management Company LLC on Friday, Sept. 2, starting at 9 a.m. at Lake Michigan College at 125 Veterans Blvd. in South Haven, just off of I-196.** They will be discussing Palisades' Aging Management Program and Aging Management Review Audit. There will opportunity for public comment and questions to NRC following the meeting with Nuclear Management Company. It's important that there be a good showing of concerned citizens, to let both NRC and Palisades know we are vigilant and keeping careful watch on developments. For more info on this meeting and additional links regarding Palisades' license extension bid, go to NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm> and look under Sept. 2nd.

We will continue to keep you posted as our intervention and opposition develops. Thank you for your support. By the way, this work takes financial support, so I've enclosed a NIRS brochure. Please donate as generously as you can to NIRS, to keep this work moving forward. Donations of \$35 get you a subscription to NIRS biweekly "Nuclear Monitor" newsletter. Donations of \$100 get you a subscription to NIRS monthly "Atomic Watchdog" newsletter, and currently are being matched, dollar for dollar, by an anonymous donor. All donations are tax deductible.

One last way you can help fight Palisades currently is to contact your elected officials, expressing your opposition to the dangerous license extension and urging them to oppose it. We sent a mailing to the U.S. congressional delegations, the Governors, and the Attorney Generals of Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois which included our environmental scoping comments, urging them to do all they can to slow this process and stop the license extension. Please be sure to contact your two U.S. Senators, your U.S. Representative, your Governor and Attorney General, urging them to do all they can to protect your community from the unnecessary threats presented by the Palisades nuclear reactor.

Also, **please fill out the backpanel on the enclosed NIRS brochure with all your contact info. and return to us (even if you cannot make a donation at this time). For many of you, all we have is your postal address, but as this work progresses, we really need to have your email and phone as well.**

Sincerely,

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