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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PALISADES' SAFETY CULTURE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting on Sept. 12 to discuss the Palisades nuclear plant's 2012 safety culture assessment results and subsequent actions to improve safety culture. The plant is owned by Entergy Nuclear Operations and is located in Covert, Mich., approximately 40 miles west of Kalamazoo.

The meeting will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. EDT at the Beach Haven Event Center at 10420 M-140, South Haven, Mich. The meeting will be open for the public, which can ask questions of the NRC after the presentations. Members of the public can also participate by calling the toll-free teleconference number 800-621-9524 and entering passcode 5591733.

The public meeting is being held to better understand the results of the plant's safety culture assessment, which was conducted by an outside contractor, and resulting corrective actions.

The NRC defines safety culture as the core values and behaviors resulting from a collective commitment by leaders and individuals to emphasize safety over competing goals to ensure protection of people and the environment.

Based on the NRC's ongoing inspections and assessments the agency has concluded the plant continues to operate safely.

Copies of the NRC's Request for Information and Special Inspection Report can be found on the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at the NRC website.

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