

Employment Support for Energy Employees

The Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren staff have been engaging with Palisades for the past two to three months helping to prepare for a hiring event to be held at the plant on April 27. The Michigan Works! staff meets every week to update the Entergy team.

This event is to support the affected approximately 170 staff who will be leaving Palisades in June. We have asked UIA (Unemployment Insurance Agency) to attend this event services at this event to help with the unemployment process, as well as hosting the Small Business Development Center to help with entrepreneurial services.

We have recruited 25+ companies to attend the event as selected by the Palisades staff. We are working hard to keep these individuals working in Southwest Michigan. Our Michigan Works! staff have also been providing career and resume services and will be on site to connect affected individuals to employment and education services at the event.

- Mark O'Reilly, Business Solutions Director at Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren

Specified Region for Economic Impact Study

The Palisades Economic Recovery Initiative was funded to analyze, assess and put forward a strategy for recovery for Van Buren, Berrien and Cass Counties, the region of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission. EDA (the primary funder) focuses on regions they identify as Economic Development Districts (EDDs). The EDD in which Palisades resides is the three-county region of Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties.

- John Egelhaaf, Executive Director for Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Impact of Closure on Local Utilities

The Economic Growth Institute is investigating the potential impact of the Palisades plant closure on the cost of electricity in the area and other related topics of information.

Findings on these topics have not yet been finalized, but they will be released publicly when research is complete.

Questions Directed to NRC Public Affairs

Formal responses to questions directed to the NRC Public Affairs team following the March PCAP meeting are in the final draft review stage and will be disseminated to the PCAP and mailing list subscribers as soon as they are received.

To be added to the mailing list, send a request to palisades@marketvanburen.org.

Site & Environmental Concerns

There was a tritium spill on the site several years ago. How deep into the ground will Holtec go to clean up the tritium pollution?

Does Holtec have a plan for how the site will be used after the completion of decommissioning?

Why is the “cool down period” following plant closure so long?

Will the security perimeter change around the plant throughout the decommissioning process? Will the security perimeter or staff be reduced?

What will happen to staffing levels at the Palisades plant throughout the decommissioning process?

How will nuclear waste be transported off of the Palisades site? Will the waste be shipped through Lake Michigan?