

April 6, 2023, *Modernizing Regulatory Review*, encourages Federal agencies, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law, to inform their regulatory actions through meaningful and equitable opportunities for public input from a range of interested or affected parties, including underserved communities.

To assist agencies in implementing the public participation provisions of Executive Order 14094, OIRA published a Memorandum, *Broadening Public Participation and Community Engagement in the Regulatory Process*.<sup>1</sup> Among other things, the Memorandum offered a review of actions agencies should take, where practicable and appropriate, to support greater participation and engagement in the regulatory process. In particular, it discussed: (1) “[l]everaging the release of the biannual *Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory Actions* . . . to discuss agencies’ past, ongoing, and upcoming participation and engagement with the public, including underserved communities”; and (2) “[e]nsuring that agency policies on communication during the rulemaking process promote accessible, equitable, and meaningful participation and engagement, especially early on in setting regulatory priorities and in the early stages of rule development before a proposed regulation is issued for comment.” The Memorandum identified leading practices for participation and engagement that agencies can consider using, such as taking affirmative steps to promote engagement where members of the public may face obstacles to participation; making regulatory material more accessible, understandable, and usable by the public; holding listening sessions, including online or technology-enabled session, while agencies are still defining regulatory priorities; or providing multiple means of submitting comments and feedback.

Since releasing the Memorandum, OIRA has worked with agencies to make effective use of the *Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory Actions* (Regulatory Agenda) to expand public awareness of the opportunities agencies have provided, and potentially will provide, for public participation and community engagement. The Fall 2023 Regulatory Agenda included descriptions of agency efforts to engage with the public.

Notable instances of public participation include the following:

- The Small Business Administration conducted four Tribal consultations and a listening session related to aspects of a proposed rule that would change the Native community benefits-reporting requirements in SBA’s 8(a) Business Development program; that feedback contributed to SBA’s decision to remove these provisions from the final rule.
- The Environmental Protection Agency held over forty external meetings, including directly engaging with Tribes, small businesses, and other entities, to inform its ongoing work to develop a proposed rule addressing risks posed by the chemical 1-bromopropane.
- The Department of Transportation’s proposal to ensure air carriers and ticket agents provide prompt ticket refunds (including ancillary fees) to passengers when a flight is cancelled or significantly changed was informed by four public meetings, including a public hearing.
- The Office of Management and Budget’s revision to Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity, was informed by more than 20,000 comments, 94 listening sessions hosted by the Interagency Technical Working Group on Race and Ethnicity Standards, 3 public virtual townhalls, and a Tribal consultation.

## II. Topics and Key Questions

OMB particularly seeks feedback on the following three topic areas: (1) the Regulatory Agenda as a platform for highlighting past and future opportunities for public participation; (2) experience with effective opportunities for public engagement in the regulatory process; and (3) opportunities for strengthening public participation and community engagement in the regulatory process.

### 1. The Regulatory Agenda as a Platform for Public Participation

- Are there entries in the Regulatory Agenda that you think have been particularly helpful in describing how public participation informed an agency’s regulatory process?
- Are there entries in the Regulatory Agenda that you think have been particularly helpful in offering information regarding forthcoming opportunities for public participation and engagement?
- What further improvements would you like to see regarding how public participation is discussed in the Regulatory Agenda?

### 2. Effective Opportunities for Public Engagement

- Did you find any agency actions that were particularly helpful in facilitating participation in an agency’s regulatory process? Please include any specific examples.
  - Did you attend an online or technology-enabled session, and, if so, did you find this an effective way of engaging with the agency?
  - Did the agency provide multiple means of submitting comments and feedback in multiple formats, and were any especially effective?
  - Did the agency offer plain language summaries, infographics, or short videos regarding the relevant issue, that sufficiently prepared you to provide effective input?
- Did you find the agency was asking for your input at the right time, such that feedback could be effectively incorporated?

### 3. Opportunities for Strengthening Public Participation and Community Engagement

- Are there any actions agencies could take to make it easier to participate in opportunities for public engagement? Please include any specific examples.
  - Could an agency better inform the public of opportunities for public engagement?
  - Could an agency make opportunities for public engagement more accessible?
  - Are there any resources that would better prepare members of the public to provide effective feedback?
- Are there any actions agencies could take to better engage with members of affected and underserved communities?
- Are there any changes to OMB guidance that would help strengthen public participation in agency regulatory processes?

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 24–043]

### Interagency Nuclear Safety Review Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Broadening-Public-Participation-and-Community-Engagement-in-the-Regulatory-Process.pdf>.

**SUMMARY:** NASA, as the administering agency of the Interagency Nuclear Safety Review Board (INSRB) created by National Security Presidential Memorandum, invites all interested parties to participate in a meeting in which current INSRB members and alternates will provide information about the INSRB's processes and practices, as well as answer submitted questions.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place in a fully virtual format, using Microsoft Teams, from 3 to 4 p.m. EST on August 29, 2024. Questions must be submitted by August 15, 2024. The meeting will be recorded and the video of the recording will be posted publicly.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests to participate (*i.e.*, to be sent the meeting link), as well as submitting questions (if desired) should be directed to [donald.m.helton@nasa.gov](mailto:donald.m.helton@nasa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For other matters related to the meeting, contact Donald Helton, 202-358-0311, [donald.m.helton@nasa.gov](mailto:donald.m.helton@nasa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background:* National Security Presidential Memorandum No. 20 (NSPM-20) directed the NASA Administrator to establish the INSRB to replace the ad hoc Interagency Nuclear Safety Review Panels used for prior missions. The INSRB was first empaneled in 2020, and per NSPM-20 consists of "representatives from the Departments of State, Defense, Energy, and Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, NASA, and, as appropriate, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission." Following its formation, the INSRB issued a Charter, as well as a guidance document known as the INSRB Playbook. While the INSRB's scope is defined by NSPM-20, and while its conduct of operations is described in the INSRB Charter and the INSRB Playbook, the INSRB has continued to receive questions from the community-at-large that suggest misunderstandings. The INSRB is hosting this virtual open house as a diverse means of communicating to interested parties about what the INSRB is and is not charged to do, and how it conducts its business.

*II. Resources:* The INSRB Charter and INSRB Playbook are publicly available at the following link: <https://sma.nasa.gov/sma-disciplines/nuclear-flight-safety>. This same web page contains an INSRB brochure and an INSRB presentation that will form the basis for the remarks made during the virtual open house.

Dated: June 21, 2024.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-255; NRC-2024-0076]

### **Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, and Holtec Palisades, LLC; Palisades Nuclear Plant; Notice of Intent To Conduct Scoping Process and Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; public scoping meeting and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as the lead agency, and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Loan Programs Office (LPO), as a cooperating agency, will conduct a scoping process to gather information to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental impacts from proposed Federal actions related to reauthorizing power operations at the Palisades Nuclear Plant (PNP). Specifically, the NRC is considering an exemption request, a license transfer request, and license amendment requests to support reauthorizing operation under the NRC license. DOE LPO's proposed action is to provide federal financial support (a loan guarantee) to support power operations at PNP. The NRC and DOE LPO are seeking public comment on the proposed actions and will hold a hybrid public scoping meeting.

**DATES:** The NRC, as the lead Federal agency, will hold a hybrid (virtual and in-person) public scoping meeting on July 11, 2024, at 6 p.m. eastern time (ET), at the Mendel Center, Grand Upton Hall, at Lake Michigan College, 1100 Yore Ave., Parking Lot 3, Benton Harbor, MI, 49022, and will also hold an open house from 5 to 6 p.m. ET. Details on the hybrid public meeting can be found on the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule website at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>. Submit comments on the scope of the EA by July 29, 2024. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods;

however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0076. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Email comments to:* [PalisadesRestartEnvironmental@nrc.gov](mailto:PalisadesRestartEnvironmental@nrc.gov).

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Willingham, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0857; email: [Laura.Willingham@nrc.gov](mailto:Laura.Willingham@nrc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

#### *A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0076 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0076.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of