

Ordinarily Nuclear Power is Reliable, But Not With the Palisades Plan

The [Palisades Plan promoted by Biden/Whitmer/Huizenga](#) is fraught with problems:

- Its owner/manager is Holtec, which has the worst record in the nuclear energy. It was [recently shown to have engaged in criminal activity](#) yet again, as well as [ethical and operating violations](#).
- The Palisades plant was characterized by cost overruns and equipment failures leading to frequent shut downs, even before it was de-commissioned for these reasons:
 1. https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2014/08/palisades_nuclear_plant_hist.html
 2. <https://apnews.com/103dbd8222e141d380889ec82cb05e43/config/newrelic/prod>
 3. <https://beyondnuclearinternational.org/2022/06/05/meltdown-at-palisades-averted/>
- It is [now even older and in worse condition](#).
- This will be the [first time in US history a nuclear plant that had been de-commissioned is re-commissioned, a hugely challenging task, and even more so given Holtec is not adept at managing nuclear plants](#).
- Holtec's plans for [small modular reactor additions is an idea which has repeatedly failed](#).

Given the above factors, we should not imagine that the Palisades Plan offers a reliable or affordable source of electric power. Rather, it is a fiasco waiting to happen.