

sedated and anesthetized during tagging and sampling procedures. Procedures include standard measuring of morphometrics, ultra-sounding, attaching of instrumentation, blood and tissue sampling and flipper marking/tagging. All studies of foraging ecology, population dynamics, mark-recapture, census, reproductive success, and energetics are part of a long-term monitoring effort coordinated with other Antarctic Treaty nations under the auspices of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. The applicant holds a current NOAA Marine Mammal Protection Act permit for these activities.

The applicant also proposes to continue studies of the behavioral ecology and population biology of the Adélie, gentoo, chinstrap and king penguins, as well as interactions among these species and their principal avian predators. Specific take activities associated with avian research include capture/handling/release, attaching of instrumentation, tagging/banding, weighing/measuring of individuals, tissue and egg sampling, diet sampling, placing of nest markers and censusing. The number of takes and harmful interference per annum of each avian species will be as follows: chinstrap penguin (*Pygoscelis antarcticus*)—3320, Adélie penguin (*Pygoscelis adeliae*) 2880, Gentoo penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) 3020, king penguin (*Aptenodytes patagonicus*) 120, Macaroni penguin (*Eudyptes chrysolophus*) 120, brown skua (*Catharacta lonnbergi*) 600, south polar skua (*Catharacta maccormicki*) 600, giant petrel (*macronectes giganteus*) 600, kelp gull (*Larus dominicanus*) 100, blue-eyed shag (*Phalacrocorax atriceps*) 150, snowy sheathbill (*Chionis alba*) 45, and cape petrel (*Daption capensis*) 200.

The applicant also proposes to continue to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas 149—Cape Shirreff and 128—Western Shore of Admiralty Bay as long term research sites. Additionally, the applicant anticipates conducting intermittent peninsula-wide pinniped and seabird surveys. As such, access to all ASPAs in the South Shetland Islands and in the Antarctic Peninsula region is proposed. Entry to sites will be made via U.S. AMLR charter, or other vessels as available, with immediate access via zodiac operations. Peninsula-wide pinniped and seabird surveys may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles and photogrammetry. All species, pinniped and avian, are subject to harmful interference due to census (aerial or

ground) and other work described in this application.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula region; ASPA 108—Green Island, Berthelot Islands, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 112—Coppermine Peninsula, Robert Island; ASPA 113—Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, Palmer Archipelago; ASPA 125—Fildes Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 126—Byers Peninsula, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 128—Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island; ASPA 132—Potter Peninsula, King George Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 133—Harmony Point, Nelson Island, South Shetland Island; ASPA 134—Cierva Point offshore islands, Danco Coast, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 139—Biscoe Point, Anvers Island; ASPA 140—Shores of Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 144—Chile Bay; ASPA 145—Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 146—South Bay, Doumer Island, Palmer Archipelago; ASPA 148—Mount Flora, Hope Bay, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 149—Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 150—Ardley Island, Maxwell Bay, King George Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 151—Lions Rump, King George Island, South Shetland Islands; ASPA 171—Narebski Point, Barton Peninsula, King George Island; ASPA 176—Rosenthal Islands, Anvers Island, Palmer Archipelago; ASPA 177—Leonie Islands and South-East Adelaide Island, Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 180—Danger Islands Archipelago, North-eastern Antarctic Peninsula; ASPA 181—Farrier Col, Horseshoe Island, Marguerite Bay; ASPA 182—Western Bransfield Strait and Eastern Dallman Bay; ASPA 183—Parts of Signy Island and adjacent islands, South Orkney Island; ASPA 184—Collins Bay, Kyiv Peninsula, Graham Coast, Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates of Permitted Activities: November 1, 2026–October 31, 2031.

Permit Application: 2027–005

5. **Applicant:** David Rootes, Antarctic Logistics & Expeditions, 4741 S Commerce Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84107

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Waste Management (45 CFR 671). The applicant proposes to continue waste management activities associated with logistics and tourism activities to be conducted in Antarctica. The applicant would continue to operate a remote camp at Union Glacier, Antarctica, and provide logistical support services for scientific and other expeditions, film crews, and tourists.

These activities include aircraft support, cache positioning, camp and field support, resupply, search and rescue, medevac, medical support, and logistic support for some National Operators. Operations will be centered around a main camp located on Union Glacier that is adjacent to a blue-ice runway. The blue-ice runway is a natural feature that requires limited preparation and upkeep for aircraft use. There are standard programs offered on a regular basis from the remote camp at Union Glacier including: climbing trips to Vinson Massif, the Ellsworth Mountains, and the Transantarctic Mountains; ski trips to the Ellsworth Mountains and the Geographic South Pole; ice marathons, obstacle course runs, and sky diving; and flights to the Geographic South Pole and the emperor penguin colony at Gould Bay. Several aircraft will be operated by ALE throughout the Antarctic and may include: Ilyushin IL–76TD, Boeing 757–200, Bombardier Global 7500, Douglas DC3–TP67, Gulfstream 650 and 500, De Havilland DHC–6 Twin Otter, and Airbus AS 350 helicopters. ALE plans to allow clients to fly Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) provided their plan meets certain requirements, including ALE's standard operating procedures and Antarctic Treaty requirements.

Location: Union Glacier and the Patriot Hills and Ellsworth Mountains. Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station area and Gould Bay. General routes from Hercules Cove to South Pole, Berkner Island to South Pole, and Ross Ice Shelf to South Pole.

Dates of Permitted Activities: October 20, 2026–February 6, 2031.

Jean C Allen,

Office Director, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2026–4555]

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

Correction

In notice document 2026–19812 beginning on page 61466 in the issue of Tuesday, September 29, 2026, make the following correction:

On page 61466, in the first column, in the **DATES** section, in the fourth and fifth

line, “December 28, 2026” should read “November 30, 2026”.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–616 and 50–617; NRC–2026–0265]

SMR, LLC; Palisades SMR, LLC; Pioneer Units 1 and 2; Phased Construction Permit Application—Limited Work Authorization

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing public notice each week, for four consecutive weeks, beginning October 1, 2026, of receipt and availability of the first part of a phased construction permit application, including a limited work authorization (LWA) request, from SMR, LLC, on behalf of Palisades SMR, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holtec International (collectively, Holtec), for a dual-unit SMR–300 plant located at the Palisades Energy Center (PEC) in Covert, Michigan. The units are individually named Pioneer Unit 1 and Pioneer Unit 2. This is the second of four consecutive weekly notifications.

DATES: October 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–0265 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2026–0265. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *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 ADAMS Public Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, at 301–415–4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The Pioneer Units 1 and 2 LWA application is

available in ADAMS under Package Accession No. ML25365A983.

- *NRC’s PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

On December 31, 2025, SMR, LLC, on behalf of Palisades SMR, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holtec International (collectively, Holtec), filed with the NRC, the first part (Part 1) of a phased construction permit application for a utilization facility pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities.” Part 1 of the application includes a LWA request pursuant to 10 CFR 50.10(d), “Request for limited work authorization”; three exemption requests; and a comprehensive environmental report (ER). In its LWA request, Holtec seeks NRC approval to conduct certain early construction activities of a dual-unit SMR–300 plant at the PEC in Covert, Michigan. Holtec also states that the comprehensive ER addresses the environmental impacts associated with LWA activities (including the requested exemptions), the remainder of construction to complete the plant, and plant operations. Holtec submitted Part 1 of its application as part of a phased application approach for a construction permit for a utilization facility, as described in 10 CFR 2.101(a)(9) and 10 CFR 2.600(d).

On February 27, 2026, the NRC issued a **Federal Register** notice (91 FR 9892) stating that the NRC staff accepted Part 1 of the phased construction permit application for docketing and will perform a detailed technical review. These weekly notices of receipt and availability of the application are being provided in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.43(a)(3).

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: October 5, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michelle Hayes,

Chief, Advanced Reactor Licensing Branch 2, Division of Advanced Reactor Licensing, Office of Advanced Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 99902137; NRC–2026–4654]

Blue Energy Global, Inc.; Blue Energy Center—Port of Victoria Nuclear Unit 1; Phased Construction Permit Application—Limited Work Authorization

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received the first part of a phased construction permit application, including a limited work authorization (LWA) request, from Blue Energy Global, Inc., for a single-unit BWRX–300 plant to be located at the Blue Energy Center in Victoria, Texas. The unit is named Blue Energy Center—Port of Victoria Nuclear Unit 1.

DATES: October 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–4654 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2026–4654. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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