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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD ORAL ARGUMENTS MAY 18 ON DAVIS-BESSE SHIELD BUILDING CRACKING

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hear oral arguments May 18 on a request to consider cracks in the Davis-Besse nuclear plant's shield building "an aging-related feature" that would preclude renewing the plant's operating license for an additional 20 years.

The contention was filed in January by four intervenors in the hearing: Beyond Nuclear, Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario, Don't Waste Michigan, and the Green Party of Ohio. The May 18 oral arguments will discuss whether the ASLB should admit the contention or an alternative wording suggested by the NRC staff.

The oral arguments will be held Friday, May 18, in the Common Pleas Courtroom of the Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison St., in Port Clinton, Ohio, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending no later than 4:30 p.m.

Only lawyers for the intervenors, the NRC staff and FirstEnergy, Davis-Besse's operator, will be allowed to participate. The public and media are welcome to attend, but signs, banners, posters or other displays will not be permitted in the courtroom.

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