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## ASLB TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS NOV. 5-6 ON CONTENTION REGARDING CRACKS IN DAVIS-BESSE SHIELD BUILDING

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hear oral arguments Nov. 5-6 on a new contention in the Davis-Besse nuclear plant relicensing hearing. The contention alleges that cracks in the plant's shield building should be considered "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 oral arguments will discuss whether the Board should admit the contention. The oral arguments were originally scheduled for May 18 but were postponed at the request of the intervenors.

The Board will also consider a motion by FirstEnergy, the plant's operator, to dismiss a separate contention challenging inputs to the operator's Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives analysis.

The oral arguments will be held in the Common Pleas Courtroom of the Lucas County Courthouse, 700 Adams St., in Toledo, Ohio. Argument will start at 9 a.m. and continue to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 5, resuming on Nov. 6 if necessary. More information about the issues to be discussed and the format of the oral argument can be found in a Board [Order](#) issued Sept. 20.

Only lawyers for the intervenors, the NRC staff and FirstEnergy 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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