

May 5, 2004

Mr. Richard Dexter
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SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 LICENSE RENEWAL
REVIEW

Dear Mr. Dexter:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application to renew the operating licenses for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (PBNP), which is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, approximately 30 miles southeast of Green Bay, Wisconsin. PBNP is operated by Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC). The application for renewal was submitted by NMC on February 26, 2004, pursuant to NRC requirements at Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54 (10 CFR Part 54). The NRC has established that, as part of the staff review of any nuclear power plant license renewal action, a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), NUREG-1437, will be prepared under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC rules that implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8, the SEIS will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and archaeological resources.

In the context of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the NRC staff has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The APE may extend beyond the immediate environs in those instances where post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities, specifically related to license renewal, may potentially have an effect on known or proposed historic sites. This determination is made irrespective of ownership or control of the lands of interest.

While preparing its application, NMC contacted your office by letter dated December 22, 2003. In its letter, NMC stated there are no plans to significantly alter current operations over the license renewal period. NMC further stated that no expansion of existing facilities is planned. In addition, no land-disturbing activities are anticipated beyond those required for routine maintenance and repairs.

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Sincerely,

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