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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC  
SUPPLEMENT 23 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT (GEIS) REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR POINT BEACH  
NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MC2049 AND MC2050)

Dear Mr. Koehl:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the draft plant-specific Supplement 23 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-24 and DPR-27 for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20 years of operation. Enclosed is a copy of the draft report and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the draft report is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). In addition, the Lester Public Library, located at 1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241, has agreed to make the draft supplement available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of this report, the preliminary recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Nuclear Management Company, LLC; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments.

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A separate notice of filing of the draft environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Stacey Imboden, at 301-415-2462 or via email at [sxf@nrc.gov](mailto:sxf@nrc.gov).

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Docket Nos.: 50-266 and 50-301

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POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-266 AND 50-301

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 23 TO THE GENERIC  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE  
LICENSE RENEWAL OF POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has published a draft plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of Facility Operating Licenses DPR-24 and DPR-27 for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (PBNP), for an additional 20 years of operation. PBNP is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, approximately 30 miles southeast of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft Supplement to the GEIS is available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to

[pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). In addition, the Lester Public Library, located at 1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, 54241, has agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by April 13, 2005. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T- 6D59, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at [PointBeachEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:PointBeachEIS@nrc.gov). All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, local agencies, Native American Tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and from the PARS component of ADAMS.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held on March 3, 2005, at the Fox Hills Convention Center, 250 West Church Street in Mishicot, Wisconsin. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will commence at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. The second session will commence at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings

will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Ms. Stacey Imboden, by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 2462, or by e-mail at [PointBeachEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:PointBeachEIS@nrc.gov) no later than March 1, 2005. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual, oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Ms. Imboden's attention no later than February 23, 2005, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Imboden, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001. Ms. Imboden may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

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