

Part 55 Nuclear Materials Relief Request

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4. Plant Name Point Beach Nuclear Plant
5. Plant Unit(s) 1 & 2
6. Need By Date 12/31/20
7. Enter Docket Number(s) 05000266, 05000301
8. Enter License Number(s) DPR-24, DPR-27
9. NRC Licensing Project Manager Booma Venkataraman
10. For a **requalification exemption** check the YES box and answer questions 11- 15. If you are not filing for a requalification exemption check the NO box and proceed to question 16.

YES

11. A request for exemption from the "not to exceed two years" requirement for the requalification program in 10 CFR 55.59(c)(1);

Due to localized effects of COVID-19, Point Beach Operations has transitioned to 12-hour shifts redistributing 2 of 6 crews to support required shift staffing. This has limited the quantity of available operators such that we cannot send entire crews to the exam and smaller group sessions could not be supported from an exam development standpoint. Therefore, NextEra Energy Point Beach LLC, (NextEra) is asking for expedited review for exemption from the requirement for the requalification program in 10 CFR 55.59(c)(1). NextEra is asking for a verbal approval by end of August 2020, with written notification by end of December 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus, NextEra is asking to extend beyond the ERG end date of December 31, 2020 to the end of March 2021.

12. **Requalification Program Requirements:** A request for exemption for operators and senior operators from the requirements in 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) and in 10 CFR 55.59(a)(2) for the purpose of allowing delay of these requalification program requirements during the COVID-19 PHE;

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13. **Requalification Program Requirements:** A statement that the tests and exam will be provided after the end of the PHE, but before the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2020).

The next scheduled training cycle associated with the operational exam for operators is currently scheduled to start in August of 2020. If the operational exam is not completed, the licenses for the Operators that are scheduled for the August training begin to be restricted at the end of December 2020. Due to the ongoing limitation of personnel availability and transitioning to 12-hour shifts, NextEra will complete the tests and exams after the end of PHE with a completion date for operators and senior operators by the end of March 2021.

14. **Requalification Program Requirements:** A statement that the facility licensee has modified or will, prior to the effective date of any exemption that is granted, modify its requalification program so that it will provide for training and evaluations of operator knowledge, skills, and abilities during the time when the biennial written exams and annual operating tests would have been scheduled to occur; and

NextEra will modify the requalification program, prior to the effective date of exemption approval, to ensure training and evaluations of operator knowledge, skills, and abilities will be completed by the requested exemption expiration date. Training staff will continue to conduct training cycles to the end of the year, and evaluations will be conducted by Training staff and Operations Management observers.

15. **Requalification Program Requirements:** a statement that the facility licensee, in conjunction with the training program, will continue to evaluate operator performance in the plant and control room to identify and correct operator performance issues in a timely manner. If such a program does not exist, then provide a statement that the facility licensee will implement, prior to the effective date of any exemption that is granted, a program to evaluate operator performance in the plant and control room to identify and correct operator performance issues in a timely manner.

NextEra Management and Training will continue to evaluate operator performance in the plant and control room to identify and correct operator performance issues in a timely manner. This will be completed through combination of Training and Operations management staff observations conducted in the plant and in the control room.

16. For a **medical exemption** check the YES box and answer questions 17 and 18. If you are not filing for a medical exemption check the NO box and proceed to question 19.

No

17. **Medical Requirements:** a request for exemption from 10 CFR 55.21, 55.53(i), and, if applicable, 55.57(a)(6), and the names and docket numbers of the operators and senior operators for whom the exemption is being requested; and

10 CFR 55.21 and 10CFR 55.53(i) for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

18. **Medical Requirements:** a description of the interim compensatory measures that the facility licensee is using to address delay in receipt of recommendations from a licensed physician concerning the operator's health. For example, the facility licensee, in coordination with the operator, might elect to have the operators partially examined, e.g.,

an assessment of the operator's responses on an ANSI-standard-based questionnaire about medical history without an in-person examination. NOTE: Identify the version (i.e., either 1983, 1996 or 2013) of ANSI/ANS 3.4 , "Medical Certification and Monitoring of Personnel Requiring Operator Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," or ANSI/ANS 15.4, "Selection and Training of Personnel for Research Reactors," that will be used.