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General Comment

I have three concerns that I feel the EIS will need to address.

First, for years we had been told that they would find a "safe" place to store the spent nuclear fuel the plants produce. That was never done. I believe that the spent fuel is being stored on-site poses an unacceptable risk to Lake Michigan, a tremendously important natural resource not to mention the threat to the well-populated areas along the shore of the lake. The EIS needs to adequately address spent-fuel storage capacity at Point Beach.

Secondly, an obvious related issue the IES needs to cover is the potential impacts of long-term spent-fuel storage on the surrounding groundwater as well as on Lake Michigan. Over the long term, there also may be a need for land or water transportation of spent fuel if 20 more years of operation are permitted. This eventuality also needs to be explored in the EIS.

Thirdly, the lake levels have been rising for the past several years. This past summer the city of Green Bay saw repeated flooding due to rising water levels in the Bay of Green Bay which of course reflects rising levels in Lake Michigan. Given the erosion that this rise in water levels has caused along the Wisconsin Lake Michigan shoreline, I fear that there may be a danger of a Fukushima-like disaster at the Point Beach site. The EIS needs to cover the impacts of fluctuating lake levels, erosion of the shoreline, and increased frequency of natural disasters.