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## **General Comment**

I have lived about 10 miles from the Point Beach Nuclear Plant since 1970 when both units were still under construction. I must say that they are a very good neighbor when it comes to the environment. They have restored wetlands, removed their protruding intake structure, and were a haven for fishermen before 9/11 to name a few. The site has recently developed solar farms which to me describes a company that has the environment at heart. These are things I can see directly from the outside.

The key to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be what has changed since the plant was first licensed or when it received its first license renewal. Are there new things to consider? To be sure climate change should be part of the equation and certainly there are new technologies that must be utilized for evaluation, but what else? There are 50 years of Operating Experience (OE) at the site or 100 years if you count each unit separately. Has Point Beach protected the environment during that time frame? Will it continue to do so in the future? I believe so. The risk is too great NOT to ensure the plant is operated safely.

Internal to the plant I know they go to great lengths on maintaining the equipment and updating older equipment. That is as it should be. Active systems need assurance that they will operate when called upon to do so and passive systems also must always be poised to do their job without human intervention. That is a lot of maintenance and I appreciate the plant's willingness to be up to this tremendous task.

Living as close as I do to Point Beach means that potentially I would have to be evacuated if a major accident should occur so I have a vested interest in this. That being said I still feel the plant does an excellent job protecting the environment which to me includes the general public. If I thought the area was unsafe I would have moved out long ago.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

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