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General Comment

I have reviewed the draft EIS for Point Beach, WI, which includes two aging nuclear reactors being considered for extensions of their operating licenses. If approved, the reactors would have an extended operating life of 80 years in total. This does not seem wise to me since the construction and design technology used in the late 1960's and early '70's were not meant to serve 80 years. The risk of catastrophic failure would not be worth the benefit of keeping the reactors running.

As a resident of northeast Wisconsin, living within 50 miles of the Point Beach reactors, I would be one of the estimated 10 million people whose water supply would be contaminated in the event of radiation leakage into Lake Michigan. I also care deeply about the damaging effects on wildlife of further warming of the nearby water of Lake Michigan--not to mention the harm to the environment in the event of radiation leakage.

Given the advances in clean, renewable energy and advances in energy storage systems since 1970, I believe the wiser investment of funds and effort in our society would lie there. The cost of continuing to support nuclear energy is too high.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

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