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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating licenses for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The report contains the NRC's finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

The Point Beach plant is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Two Rivers, Wis., approximately 30 miles southeast of Green Bay. The current operating licenses expire on Oct. 5, 2010, for Unit 1 and March 8, 2013, for Unit 2. Nuclear Management Company LLC, which operates the plant for Wisconsin Electric Power Co., submitted an application for renewal of the licenses on Feb. 25, 2004.

As part of its environmental review of the applications, the NRC held public meetings near the plant to discuss the scope of the review and the draft version of the environmental impact statement. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of state and federal agencies.

The Point Beach Final Environmental Impact Statement is available on the NRC's Web site at this address: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement23/index.html . Copies are also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md, and the Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, Wis.

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