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The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (NUREG-1437) and Draft Supplement 20 for License Renewal of Indiana Michigan Power Company's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units No. 1 and 2, Berrien County, Michigan.

The license renewal proposal does not involve any major construction, refurbishment, or physical alteration of the project area. The Generic EIS and Draft Supplement 20 adequately address the concerns of the Department regarding fish and wildlife resources, as well as species protected by the Endangered Species Act. We concur with the preliminary conclusions of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff with respect to the impacts of continued operations of the plant on these resources and species. We note that Draft Supplement 20 discusses the fact that the entrainment and impingement of fish and shellfish as a result of the continued operation of the cooling water intake system will also be addressed during renewal of the plant's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit. Michigan Indiana Power Company has applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for that renewal, which will be subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's recently published 316(b) Phase II regulations. We have no comment on the adequacy of other resource discussions presented in the document.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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