



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301; NRC-2020-0277; SEIS-429-00-000-1730167609]

NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC; Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2;

Second Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment; public comment meeting; opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) is issuing for public comment Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 23, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal (SLR) for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Point Beach), Second Draft Report for Comment (second draft report). This second draft report concerns the NRC staff's review of the environmental impacts of the proposed renewal of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27 for Point Beach, Units 1 and 2, respectively, for an additional 20 years. Point Beach is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, approximately 15 miles north-northeast of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Possible alternatives to the proposed action of SLR include the no-action alternative and reasonable replacement power alternatives. A new notice of opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene—limited to contentions based on new information in the second draft report—is also being issued.

DATES: The NRC staff will hold a public meeting through online webinar on the second draft report, including a presentation on the preliminary recommendation in the second draft report and a transcribed public comment session. The meeting will be held on May 15, 2025, at 3 p.m. central time, 4 p.m. eastern time (ET). The public meeting details can be found on the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>. Members of the public are invited to submit comments by June 2, 2025. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do

so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Requests for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- **Federal rulemaking website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2020-0277. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the “For Further Information Contact” section of this document.

- **Email:** Comments may be submitted to the NRC electronically using the email address PointBeach-SLRSEIS@nrc.gov.

- **Mail comments to:** Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Folk, Senior Environmental Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6944; email: Kevin.Folk@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2020-0277 when contacting the NRC about the

availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2020-0277.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System**

(ADAMS): You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 23, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Second Draft Report for Comment is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25069A710. In addition, for the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.

- **NRC's PDR:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Public Library:** A copy of Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 23, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Second Draft Report for Comment will be available for public review at the Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking Website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-

2020-0277 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

The NRC is issuing for public comment Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 23, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Second Draft Report for Comment (second draft report). The second draft report updates Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 23, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Draft Report for Comment, issued in November 2021 (first draft report). Specifically, the second draft report includes the NRC staff's evaluation of new information obtained since the issuance of the November 2021 first draft report. This new information includes the NRC's publication of a final rule on August 6, 2024 (89 FR 64166), which revised the NRC's environmental protection regulation, part 51 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions." This final rule updated the potential environmental impacts associated with the renewal of an operating license for a nuclear power plant for up to an additional 20

years, which could either be an initial license renewal or an SLR. The technical basis for the final rule is provided by Revision 2 of NUREG-1437, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants” (LR GEIS), which was revised as part of the rulemaking as an update to the 2013 LR GEIS, Revision 1. The final rule also involved the issuance of Revision 2 of NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, “Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants: Supplement 1: Operating License Renewal, Final Report,” and Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, “Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications.” The NRC staff also considered additional information provided by NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (NextEra). The NRC staff prepared the second draft report in accordance with 10 CFR 51.72, “Supplement to draft environmental impact statement,” and Commission Legal Issuance (CLI)-22-02 and CLI-22-03, both dated February 24, 2022.

In the second draft report and in the November 2021 first draft report, the NRC staff’s preliminary recommendation is that the adverse environmental impacts of SLR for Point Beach are not so great that preserving the option of SLR for energy-planning decisionmakers would be unreasonable. The NRC staff based this preliminary recommendation on the analysis and findings in NUREG-1437, the environmental report submitted by NextEra, as supplemented, the NRC staff’s consultations with Federal, State, Tribal, and local government agencies, the NRC staff’s independent environmental review, which is documented in the second draft report and in the November 2021 first draft report, and the NRC staff’s consideration of public comments received during scoping.

III. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS, as indicated.

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	ADAMS ACCESSION NO.
Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants,	ML25069A710

Supplement 23, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Second Draft Report for Comment, dated April 2025.	
Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 23, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Draft Report for Comment, dated November 2021.	ML21306A226
NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Volumes 1-3, Revision 2, dated August 2024.	ML24087A133 (Package)
NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Volumes 1-3, Revision 1, dated June 2013.	ML13107A023 (Package)
NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, Revision 2, Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants, Supplement 1: Operating License Renewal, dated August 2024.	ML23201A227
Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, Revision 2, Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications, dated August 2024.	ML23201A144
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Memorandum and Order CLI-22-02, dated February 24, 2022.	ML22055A496
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Memorandum and Order CLI-22-03, dated February 24, 2022.	ML22055A521

IV. Opportunity to Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave to Intervene

As directed in CLI-22-03, with the completion of the second draft report, a new notice of opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene—limited to contentions based on new information in the second draft report—is being issued.

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the

presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the “Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)” section of this document. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii).

A State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 (<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML20340A053>) and on the NRC’s public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/aboutnrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate>.

V. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases, to mail copies on electronic storage media, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as further discussed, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the “Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC” (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056) and on the NRC’s public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e->

submittals.html.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov, or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>. After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-format.html>. A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed to obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may

seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/esubmittals.html>, by email to MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov, or by a tollfree call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Participants who believe that they have good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)-(d). Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as previously described, click "cancel" when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing dockets where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

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