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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Point Beach Subsequent License Renewal

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff seeks the public's views regarding the agency's [draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) on NextEra Energy's application for an additional 20 years of operation for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The NRC is interested in comments regarding the statement's draft conclusion: environmental impacts are not great enough to prevent the agency from considering issuance of the renewed licenses.

NRC staff will consider written comments regarding the draft EIS until Jan. 3, 2022, following the publication of a [notice](#) in the Federal Register. Include Docket ID NRC-2020-0277 with your comment, via the regulations.gov website. Comments can also be submitted via email to PointBeach-SLRSEIS@nrc.gov or via U.S. mail to Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The staff will hold a webinar on the draft EIS, including a presentation regarding the preliminary findings and a transcribed public comment session. The webinar details will be announced in the near future.

NextEra filed the application on Nov. 16, 2020, seeking to renew the licenses for a second time. The Point Beach units are pressurized-water reactors, located approximately 13 miles northeast of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The [subsequent license renewal process](#) determines whether an operating reactor can extend its license for an additional 20 years (initial license renewals add 20 years to a reactor's original 40-year license). The [application](#), with proprietary details removed, is available on the NRC website. In addition, a copy of the draft EIS is available for public inspection at the Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams St. in Two Rivers, Wisconsin.