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Critical Public Comment Period Opens on Point Beach Nuclear Reactor Relicensing — Communities Urged to Act Now

Madison, Wisconsin — April 14, 2025 — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has released a *revised* Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed license extension of the Point Beach Nuclear (PBN) reactors — a decision that could allow the aging reactors to operate for up to 80 years. This follows a February 2022 legal ruling requiring the NRC to fully comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for such high-impact relicensing decisions.

A license extension for the Point Beach Nuclear (PBN) reactors poses serious and far-reaching risks to the surrounding communities — risks that cannot be ignored:

- **Aging infrastructure increases the risk of mechanical failure and potential nuclear disaster.** PBN is already decades old, and continued operation only raises the chance of catastrophic failure.
- **Lake Michigan's ecosystem is under threat.** The plant discharges an average of 915 million gallons of water *daily* — heated up to 24.3°F above ambient lake temperature — endangering native plant and animal species.
- **Ratepayers will bear the economic burden.** Nuclear power is significantly more expensive than renewable energy, meaning Wisconsin families and businesses will pay more for electricity if this license is renewed.

The time to act is now. The NRC has released a revised Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the public has a brief window to make their voices heard. Your input is essential to protect public health, environmental integrity, and economic fairness before this critical decision is finalized.

Key Dates to Know:

- **Thursday, May 15, 2025 — 3:00 PM CT:** *Online NRC public webinar with live comment opportunity.*
- **Until June 2, 2025:** *Written comments accepted.* [Link to submit comments]

Let regulators know: Wisconsin deserves safe, affordable energy — not decades more of nuclear risk.

“Letting these reactors run another 20 years without a full accounting of the risks is dangerous and unacceptable,” said Amy Schulz, RN, President PSR Wisconsin. *“We need people to speak up now — before this opportunity to influence the process is gone.”*

Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin (PSR WI) has been at the forefront of this issue since January 2021, when it formally petitioned for a hearing and sought to intervene in the relicensing process. While the NRC dismissed expert testimony on technical grounds, it acknowledged PSR WI's legal standing — bolstered by testimony from 10 residents within 50 miles of the PBN site. These residents raised credible concerns about radioactive exposure, environmental harm, and the risk of irreversible damage in the event of a nuclear accident.

The time to act is now. PSR WI urges the public to review the EIS and submit comments to the NRC. Every voice counts in demanding accountability and precaution in the face of long-term nuclear risk.

For more information about the EIS or to get involved, please visit [Close Point Beach](#) on the PSR website.