CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING
ON NUCLEAR ISSUES AFFECTING LAKE MICHIGAN
Wednesday April 7, 2021, 3 p.m. Eastern Time Zone

ZOOM link here.

INVITED:

• The U.S. Senators from the states of Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, and their appropriate staff
• Selected U.S. Representatives from the states of Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, and their appropriate staff
• Members of the media and front-line communities

Special Congressional Briefing concerning nuclear power issues directly affecting Lake Michigan. The session will consist of 45 minutes of expert briefing, followed by a question and answer period. Printed and online resources will be made available after the event. The session will be recorded; an edited version will be made available, along with the session Chat.

Presenters:

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• David Kraft, Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS); 773-342-7650; neis@neis.org

Proposed Agenda

• The Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, Michigan – Kevin Kamps, Beyond Nuclear. Takoma Park, MD (15 mins.)
  o Operational issues through end of license
  o Proposed reactor license transfer to HOLTEC International
  o Siting and security issues on Lake Michigan
• The Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant, Wisconsin – Hannah Mortensen, Ann Behrmann, M.D, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Madison, WI (15 mins.)
  o Damage to Lake Michigan aquatic environment from lack of cooling towers
  o Accident potential with proposed extension of operating license to 80 years; and reactor embrittlement
  o Economic impacts and viable energy alternatives
• Failure of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to regulate assertively and responsibly in the public interest – Michael Keegan and David Kraft (15 mins.)
  o NRC – the captured DE-regulator
  o Proposal to extend reactor operating licenses up to 100 years
  o Inconsistent actions and inspections, lack of autopsies, regarding the reactor embrittlement issue
  o Unwillingness to address serious financial issues regarding operation and decommissioning of lake Michigan reactors
  o Incompetence regarding public participation and formal intervention into licensing and decommissioning proceedings

• Questions and Discussion
• Follow-up Actions