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Aerial view of Point Beach Nuclear Plant in Two Rivers on Oct. 14, 2015. DOUG MURRAY/FPL

## What license renewal means for Two Rivers’ Point Beach Nuclear Plant

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TWO RIVERS – Point Beach Nuclear Plant received federal approval for at least another 20 years.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently approved license renewal for Point Beach Nuclear Plant units 1 and 2, extending operations through 2050 and 2053, respectively.

“This approval ensures that Wisconsin’s only nuclear plant will continue to provide safe, reliable, low-cost energy for generations to come,” said Brian Bolster, NextEra Energy Resources president and chief executive officer.

“We are proud that Point Beach will remain in integral part of Wisconsin’s energy future and a vital contributor to the state and local economies,” Bolster added.

Since starting commercial operations in 1970 for Unit 1 and 1973 for Unit 2, Point Beach generates enough electricity to power nearly a million homes and businesses, supplies about 14% of Wisconsin’s total electricity and maintains grid stability.

The power plant operates on a 1,200-acre site along Lake Michigan.

“This approval represents the culmination of rigorous efforts to meet and exceed regulatory expectations,” Point Beach site Vice President Thad Edmonds said in a news release. “Our team demonstrated exceptional dedication and expertise throughout the application process, ensuring Point Beach will continue its vital role in supplying reliable electricity in Wisconsin.”

The news release notes Point Beach provides around 400 permanent jobs; more than \$80,000 in annual community donations; and encourages active employee engagement in local schools, youth sports and government.

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Point Beach Nuclear Plant Unit 1, as seen in this file photo. USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

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## Woman pleads guilty to money laundering

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MANITOWOC – A 64-year-old Mishicot woman recently pled guilty in federal court to two counts of money laundering.

According to court filings, Cherie Campion used her Manitowoc-based temporary staffing service to generate and submit thousands of fraudulent invoices, causing losses of \$5 million and \$5.39 million for the two companies she deceived.

Campion took great efforts to conceal her fraud, according to acting United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling.

She registered a “proxy” company with the State of Wisconsin, created a fictitious persona associated with her fraudulent invoices and submitted false bank statements.

As part of her plea, Campion acknowledged her scheme was sophisticated enough to warrant an enhancement under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. She will be sentenced on Jan. 27, 2026, before U.S. District Judge Lynn Adelman.

The case was investigated by the federal Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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## Fatal shooting suspect in court, has preliminary hearing set

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MANITOWOC – A preliminary hearing was set for Kirk A. Dunn, a Manitowoc man accused of fatally shooting Jaisiah Owens on Sept. 23.

Dunn, 20, is charged with first-degree intentional homicide with use of a dangerous weapon and first-degree recklessly endangering safety with use of a dangerous weapon.

He attended his initial appearance in the Manitowoc County Circuit Court by video Sept. 29. While he does not yet have an attorney, he does qualify for representation by a public defender. Attorney Nathan Heim temporarily represented him during the initial appearance.

Dunn is in custody at Manitowoc County Jail on a \$500,000 cash bond. He was arrested Sept. 23 on suspicion of shooting Owens from the balcony of his apartment on Dewey Street.

According to the arrest log, one witness said Owens, 25, was able to walk back to the car after being shot where the witness was waiting and they drove him to the 1200 block of South 17th Street in Manitowoc.

By that time, emergency responders had been called, and they attempted life-saving measures on Owens, but he died at the scene.

During Dunn’s bail hearing Sept. 24, Manitowoc County District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre said the police found eight shell casings at the scene of the shooting, concluding that Dunn had fired his gun eight times. One of those bullets went into a building.

In an interview with police, Dunn said Owens had also fired shots at him.

He’s scheduled to appear in Manitowoc County Circuit Court Oct. 9 for a preliminary hearing.

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