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The Honorable Tony Evers

Governor, State of Wisconsin

115 East State Capitol

Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Re: Great Lakes Compact Withdrawal Approval, Pioneer Units 1 and 2, NRC Docket Nos. 50-616 and 50-617, NRC-2026-0265

Dear Governor Evers:

Wisconsin has more Great Lakes coastline than any other state, a commercial fishing industry directly dependent on Great Lakes water quality and temperature, and agricultural communities whose growing seasons are regulated by the thermal mass of the lakes, all of which are affected by a proposal to discharge 1,380 megawatts of continuous waste heat into Lake Michigan without the Compact approval and completed environmental review that federal law requires before such a withdrawal may proceed.

Holtec International's Pioneer Units 1 and 2 propose to withdraw 36 million gallons per day from Lake Michigan without the Great Lakes Compact approval federal law requires and before the environmental review covering those impacts exists.

As a Technologist, I am acutely aware that in any complex system deployment, there is a required sequence which product managers and cybersecurity professionals follow. Prerequisites must be satisfied before the next phase begins. You do not deploy before you test. You do not build before the foundation analysis is complete. You do not authorize construction before the environmental review exists. The production-level impacts of skipping prerequisites are devastating.

The NRC has defined a legal order of operations for nuclear reactor deployment codified in 10 CFR Part 50 and 10 CFR Part 51.

The required sequence for this deployment:

1. File Environmental Report meeting 10 CFR 51.45 specification.
2. NRC prepares Environmental Impact Statement.
3. Draft EIS published for public comment.
4. Final EIS issued.
5. LWA issued.
6. Construction begins.

What is actually happening:

1. Environmental Report filed December 31, 2025. Four chapters. Construction impacts only.
2. NRC called it comprehensive February 27, 2026.
3. NRC initiated the EIS it should have had before acceptance: June 15, 2026.
4. NRC issued excavation wall exemption August 28, 2026. Construction begins.
5. Draft EIS: fall 2026. Not yet published.
6. Final EIS: after public comment on the draft. Does not exist.
7. LWA requested: December 31, 2026. Before the final EIS exists.

Steps 4 and 6 in the actual sequence occurred before steps 3, 5, and 6 in the required sequence were complete. Construction is beginning before the environmental review exists. This is not a procedural technicality. It is a fundamental violation of the prerequisite chain that protects public safety and environmental integrity.

The Palisades implementation is the national deployment template. How order of operations is handled in this proceeding sets the precedent for every subsequent SMR-300 deployment across the country. If construction authorization is granted before the required environmental review exists and before Great Lakes Compact approval is obtained, that sequence becomes the standard.

The attached letter has the full details on the withdrawal of 36 million gallons per day and the request for you to confirm whether Compact approval has been sought and to withhold it until the full environmental review is complete. In my 2022 campaign for U.S. House of Representatives I would speak on Twitter Spaces and my campaign reached a young man from Wisconsin. He flew himself out to Utah and worked every single day with me, day after day, working on my campaign providing a boost which made campaigning not so alone. I will always appreciate how Wisconsin showed up for my project of World Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

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Petitioner, Pro Se, NRC Docket Nos. 50-616 and 50-617

Primary Source References:

Environmental Report, ADAMS ML25365A988: nrc.gov/docs/ML2536/ML25365A988.html

Full Application Package, ADAMS ML25365A983: nrc.gov/docs/ML2536/ML25365A983.html

NRC Acceptance Notice, 91 FR 9892 (February 27, 2026): federalregister.gov/documents/2026/02/27/2026-03943

NRC EIS Notice of Intent, 91 FR 36015 (June 15, 2026): federalregister.gov/documents/2026/06/15/2026-11915

NRC Exemption Issued August 28, 2026: federalregister.gov/documents/2026/08/28/2026-17626

Public Law 110-342, Great Lakes Compact: congress.gov/110/plaws/publ342/PLAW-110publ342.pdf

10 CFR 51.76(b): ecfr.gov/current/title-10/chapter-I/part-51/subpart-A/subject-group-

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