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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement for renewing the operating licenses of the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, near Glen Rose, Texas. The draft report contains the NRC staff's evaluation and preliminary conclusion that no environmental impacts would preclude renewing the licenses for an additional 20 years of operation.

Comanche Peak Units 1 and 2 are pressurized-water reactors about 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth, Texas. Unit 1's operating license expires Feb. 8, 2030, and Unit 2's on Feb. 2, 2033.

The NRC's review of the license renewal application consists of a safety review and an environmental review. The draft report is part of the NRC's environmental review and is available on the NRC's website. The final environmental report is anticipated to be issued in spring 2024.

The NRC staff will hold two public meetings on the draft report. An in-person meeting will be Dec. 7 from 7-9 p.m. Central time, at the Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., W. Hwy 67 in Glen Rose. The staff will hold an open house from 6-7 p.m. Central time for informal discussions. The date of a virtual meeting will be announced soon. As part of these meetings, the staff will describe the environmental review process and accept comments from the public on the draft report.

Members of the public can also submit comments three other ways: online at regulations.gov, under Docket ID NRC-2022-0183; email to Tam.Tran@nrc.gov; or by U.S. mail to Office of Administration, Mail Stop TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The deadline for submitting comments is Dec. 18.

The Comanche Peak license renewal application is available on the NRC website and can be viewed at either the Somervell County Library, 108 Allen Drive in Glen Rose, or the Hood County Library, 222 N Travis St. in Granbury, Texas. General information about reactor license renewal is available on the NRC website.