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

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking <u>public comment</u> on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement for renewing the operating licenses of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, in Avila Beach, California. 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.

The NRC staff will hold a webinar and an in-person meeting on the draft report. The webinar will be Nov. 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pacific time. The in-person meeting will be Nov. 20 from 6-9 p.m. Pacific time at the Courtyard San Luis Obispo, 1605 Calle Joaquin in San Luis Obispo, California. 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 on the draft report three other ways: online at regulations.gov, under Docket ID NRC-2023-0192; email to DiabloCanyonEnvironmental@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. 16.

Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 are pressurized-water reactors about 12 miles southwest of San Luis Obispo. The plant owner, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., submitted the <u>license renewal application</u> on Nov. 7, 2023. Unit 1's operating license expires Nov. 2, 2024; Unit 2's operating license expires Aug. 26, 2025. The reactors' licenses will remain in effect under an <u>exemption</u> to agency regulations until completion of the agency's review, which covers both safety and environmental issues.

The <u>draft report</u> is part of the NRC's environmental review, and is available on the NRC's website. A final supplemental environmental impact statement is anticipated to be issued in June 2025. The license renewal application can be viewed at the San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St. in San Luis Obispo. General information about <u>reactor license renewal</u> is also available on the NRC website.