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## NRC Makes Available Supplemental Environmental Report for Oconee Subsequent License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received a supplemental environmental report from Duke Energy Carolinas regarding an application for a second renewal of operating licenses for the Oconee Nuclear Station reactors in South Carolina. The [environmental report](#), submitted Nov. 7, is now available for public inspection on the NRC website.

Duke Energy submitted the report in response to several related Commission orders, one of which [concluded](#) that the Generic Environmental Impact Statement on license renewal did not analyze the environmental impacts of a subsequent license renewal term. A separate Commission [decision](#) gave an option for license holders that relied on the GEIS for their analysis of impacts over the subsequent license renewal term to provide additional environmental information on a site-specific basis rather than wait for the NRC staff to revise the GEIS and complete a related rulemaking. The licenses for the three Oconee reactors, located 30 miles west of Greenville, South Carolina, currently allow Unit 1 to operate through Feb. 6, 2033; Unit 2 through Oct. 6, 2033; and Unit 3 through July 19, 2034.

The NRC staff has added the report to the Oconee review's existing Docket ID NRC-2021-0146 and intends to examine environmental issues previously considered generic for license renewal, as well as new information for Oconee site-specific issues. The staff is [interested](#) in public comments on the scope of the environmental review; those comments are due Jan. 18, 2023. Based on the Commission's decisions, the NRC will issue an opportunity to request a hearing on the environmental review once the staff has produced a draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The public can submit comments via email at [OconeeEnvironmental@nrc.gov](mailto:OconeeEnvironmental@nrc.gov), or via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) using the Docket ID above. Comments may also be submitted via U.S. Mail at Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

A copy of Duke's subsequent license renewal report supplement will be available at the Seneca Branch of the Oconee County Public Library, 300 E. South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Seneca. Information about the Oconee subsequent license renewal review is available on the NRC [website](#).