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## **NRC Announces Hearing Opportunity on Carbon Free Power Project's Limited Work Authorization Application**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application from the Carbon Free Power Project for early construction work at the site where it plans to build a proposed nuclear power plant. The CFPP's limited work authorization [application](#), filed on July 31, requests NRC approval to begin preparing a site at the Idaho National Laboratory complex, near Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The CFPP, created by the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems group, anticipates constructing on the site a nuclear power plant containing six small modular reactors based on the NuScale design, which is currently under NRC review. The NRC [accepted](#) the limited work authorization application for review, or "docketing," in September. The application requests permission to conduct activities such as site excavation and subgrade rock remediation.

The CFPP must submit a separate application for a combined license that would allow construction and eventual operation of a plant.

The hearing opportunity was published in a [Federal Register notice](#) today. Anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed early construction work can file a petition to intervene by December 4. More information on the [hearing process](#) is available on the NRC website.

Comments on the limited work authorization request can be submitted online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (under Docket ID NRC-2023-0143) through Nov. 13.