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NRC Makes Available Hatch Nuclear Power Plant's Subsequent License Renewal Application

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received a subsequent license renewal application from Southern Nuclear Operating Co., which requests an additional 20 years of operation for the two reactors at Edwin I. Hatch nuclear power plant in Baxley, Georgia. The [application](#) to renew the reactor licenses from 60 to 80 years is now available for public inspection on the NRC website.

Southern Nuclear filed the application on May 15 seeking to renew the licenses for a second time for Hatch's two boiling-water reactors. The NRC approved in January 2002 the first renewal of the reactors' licensing term from 40 to 60 years. Unit 1 is currently licensed to operate through Aug. 6, 2034; Unit 2 is licensed through June 13, 2038.

The NRC staff is reviewing the application to determine if it has sufficient information to begin the agency's detailed safety and environmental reviews. If the application is determined to be acceptable for review and docketing, the staff will then publish a notice of opportunity for the public to request a hearing before the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Information about the license renewal process is available on the [NRC website](#). A copy of the Hatch subsequent license renewal application also will be available at the Appling County Public Library, 242 Parker Avenue in Baxley.