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NRC APPROVES POWER UPRATE FOR KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved a request by the Nuclear Management Co. to increase the generating capacity of the Kewaunee nuclear power plant by six percent. The NRC staff determined that the licensee could safely increase the power output of the reactor primarily through minor component upgrades and evaluations demonstrating the plant can operate safely at the increased power level within its existing design.

The power uprate at the plant, located near Green Bay, Wisconsin, increases the generating capacity of the plant from approximately 557 to 590 megawatts electric. The licensee intends to implement the uprate by the end of May.

The NRC previously published a notice about the power uprate application in the *Federal Register* providing the public an opportunity to comment or request a hearing. No comments or hearing requests were received by the NRC.

The NRC's safety evaluation of the requested power uprate for the plant focused on several areas, including nuclear steam supply systems, instrumentation and control systems, electrical systems, accident evaluations, radiological consequences, operations, and other technical specification changes.

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