

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF RENEWED MATERIALS LICENSE SNM-2502
PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INCORPORATED
H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT 2
INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION
DOCKET NO. 72-3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of issuance of license renewal

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued renewed Materials License SNM-2502 to Progress Energy Carolinas, Incorporated (PEC) for the receipt, possession, transfer, and storage of spent fuel at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 (HBRSEP), Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), located in Darlington County, South Carolina. The renewed license authorizes operation of the HBRSEP ISFSI in accordance with the provisions of the renewed license and its Technical Specifications.

II. Background

By application dated February 27, 2004, PEC requested to renew the operating license for the HBRSEP ISFSI. PEC requested the renewal of the original ISFSI license for a renewal period of 20 years, and an exemption for an additional 20 years.

III. Finding

The application for the renewed license complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (the Act) , as amended, and the Commission's regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1, which are set forth in the license. In addition, in accordance with 10 CFR 72.7, the Commission has determined that the exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Public notice of the proposed action and opportunity for hearing regarding the proposed issuance of the renewed license was published in the Federal Register on April 15, 2004 (69 FR 20073).

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Supporting documentation is available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/ADAMS.html>. A copy of the license application, dated February 27, 2004, and the staff's Environmental Assessment, dated March 2005, can be found at this site using the Agency Document And Management System (ADAMS) accession

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30 day of March, 2005.

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