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NRC ISSUES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has issued its final environmental impact statement for the proposed renewal of the operating license for Kewaunee Power Station, located in Kewaunee, Wis. The report concluded there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

Kewaunee Power Station is a pressurized-water reactor located 27 miles east-southeast of Green Bay, Wis. The current operating license expires Dec. 21, 2013. Dominion Energy Kewaunee, Inc., submitted an application to the NRC on Aug. 14, 2008, to extend the Kewaunee Power Station license by 20 years. Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. Therefore, if approved, the current operating license for Kewaunee Power Station would be extended until 2033.

The license renewal review process proceeds along two tracks – one for review of safety issues and another for environmental issues. As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC held public meetings near the plant to discuss the review process and the draft version of the environmental impact statement. Comments were received and considered from members of the public, local officials, and representatives of state and federal agencies.

Publication of the final environmental impact statement does not represent final NRC action on the license renewal application. The agency staff has completed its safety evaluation report that will be evaluated by NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). The ACRS will make its recommendations before the agency makes a final decision on the renewal.

The Kewaunee Power Station final environmental impact statement is available on the NRC's website at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement40/> and can also be viewed in the NRC's ADAMS online documents system at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> by entering accession number ML102280229 in the search window. Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the NRC's Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

The Kewaunee Power Station license renewal application is posted at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/kewaunee.html>. Additional information about the license renewal process is available at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

Documents related to Kewaunee Power Station are also located at the Kewaunee Public Library, 822 Juneau Street, Kewaunee, Wis.

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