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## **NRC RENEWS OPERATING LICENSE OF NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES INC. OF ERWIN, TENN., FOR ADDITIONAL 25 YEARS**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating license of Nuclear Fuel Services Inc. (NFS) in Erwin, Tenn., for an additional 25 years.

NFS manufactures nuclear reactor fuel for the U.S. government and commercial clients. The company submitted its renewal application June 30, 2009. As permitted under NRC regulations, the firm continued operating past the July 31, 2009 expiration of the previous license while the NRC reviewed the renewal request.

The NRC staff performed a detailed technical review and determined that the application demonstrated the company's qualifications, training and experience to use the licensed material according to NRC regulations, and that the company's equipment, facilities and procedures are adequate to protect health and minimize danger to life and property.

The staff also published an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact in the *Federal Register* on Oct. 26, 2011. The assessment includes responses to approximately 375 public comments received on a draft environmental assessment published in October 2010.

The NRC staff held several public meetings in Erwin and at NRC Headquarters to explain the license renewal review process, the environmental assessment, and the resolution of certain items identified during the technical safety review. Another meeting is being planned for Erwin to discuss the results of the review process; details will be announced once preparations are complete.

More information about NFS is available on the [NRC website](http://www.nrc.gov).

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