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NRC Renews Operating License for Dow Chemical Co. TRIGA Research Reactor in Michigan

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating license of the Dow Chemical Co. TRIGA research and test reactor located in Midland, Mich., for an additional 20 years.

The reactor was originally licensed in 1967. Dow applied to renew the license in April 2009. The NRC published an environmental assessment with a finding of no significant impact on July 20, 2012. The renewed license was issued June 18.

The Commission directed the staff on Aug. 7, 2012, not to make final licensing decisions for commercial power reactors and spent fuel storage sites until the agency completes its waste confidence rulemaking in response to a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling. The staff determined licensing of research and test reactors does not depend on the waste confidence finding or the related temporary storage rule, so relicensing of research and test reactors can continue.

The renewed license ([ML12137A151](#)) and the NRC staff's safety evaluation report on the license renewal ([ML12137A181](#)) are available on the NRC website.