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NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final supplemental environmental impact statement for the proposed renewal of the operating license for the Grand Gulf nuclear power plant in Mississippi. The report concludes there are no environmental impacts that would preclude renewing the plant's license.

The Grand Gulf plant is a single boiling water reactor located in Port Gibson, about 20 miles south of Vicksburg. It is licensed to operate through Nov. 1, 2024. Entergy Nuclear applied on Nov. 1, 2011, to renew the license for an additional 20 years.

The license renewal review process proceeds along two tracks – one for review of safety issues and another for environmental issues. As part of the 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, which was published in November 2013. Comments were received and considered from members of the public, local officials, and representatives of state and federal agencies.

The NRC published its safety evaluation report, with open items, in January 2013. The safety report, the final supplemental environmental impact statement ([NUREG-1437, Supplement 50](#)), the [license renewal application](#) and other information on the review can be found on the NRC website.