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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Environmental Study of Byron Station License Renewal Application

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission seeks public comment on a draft study detailing the environmental impacts of renewing the operating licenses of the Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Byron, Ill. The draft environmental impact statement contains the NRC staff's preliminary conclusion that the impacts would not preclude renewing the plant's licenses for an additional 20 years.

NRC staff will hold two public meetings in Byron on Feb. 3 to present the draft study's findings and hear comments from the public. The meetings will be held at the Byron Forest Preserve District building, 7993 North River Road, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

The Byron plant has two pressurized water reactors. Unit 1 is currently licensed to operate through Oct. 31, 2024, and Unit 2 through Nov. 6, 2026. The operator, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, submitted its renewal application May 29, 2014.

The NRC's review of the application consists of a technical safety review and an environmental review. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is Supplement 54 to NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants. It is now available on the NRC's [website](#).

In a related [Federal Register notice](#) published Jan. 2, the NRC provided detailed instructions for submitting written comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement. Comments will be accepted through Feb. 20.

The Byron Station license renewal application and general information about reactor license renewal are available on the NRC website.