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NRC Approves License Transfer of La Crosse Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved the transfer of the license for the La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor from the Dairyland Power Cooperative to LaCrosseSolutions LLC.

The La Crosse plant, located in Genoa, Wis., has been shut down since 1987. The NRC at that time modified the original operating license to a possession-only license for the purpose of storage of nuclear materials and waste and decommissioning activities.

On Oct. 8, 2015, Dairyland submitted an application to the NRC requesting transfer of the license to LaCrosseSolutions, a subsidiary of EnergySolutions LLC, a specialist in radioactive waste disposal. The license transfer would allow LaCrosseSolutions to expedite decommissioning activities on the site.

Under the terms of the transfer, Dairyland will remain the owner of the site and retain title to and responsibility for the spent nuclear fuel, currently stored in dry casks on the site. LaCrosseSolutions will lease the above-ground structures (other than the spent fuel storage site) and assume responsibility for decommissioning under NRC requirements.

EnergySolutions entered into a similar arrangement to decommission the shuttered Zion nuclear plant in Illinois in 2010.

The NRC's order approving the transfer and its safety evaluation of the transfer are available in the NRC's ADAMS document database at [ML16123A049](#).