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NRC Announces Hearing Opportunity for Waterford License Renewal; Public Meeting June 8 to Discuss Environmental Review

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating license of the Waterford nuclear power plant in Killona, La.

The agency also has begun work on an environmental impact statement for the license renewal, and announced a public meeting to be held near the plant on June 8.

The Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, is a pressurized-water reactor currently licensed to operate through Dec. 18, 2024. The operator, Entergy Operations Inc., submitted the application, via a March 23 letter, to extend the license for an additional 20 years. The NRC staff has determined the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally docket the application and begin its safety and environmental reviews. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the reviews proceed, and it does not indicate whether the NRC will renew the license.

NRC staff members will conduct a public meeting June 8 from 7-9 p.m. to describe the environmental review process and accept comments from the public about the potential scope of that review. The meeting will be held at the St. Charles Parish Emergency Operations Center, 15026 River Road, in Hahnville, La.

The [hearing opportunity](#) was announced today in the *Federal Register*. The hearing opportunity notice includes instructions for filing petitions to intervene. The deadline for filing hearing petitions is August 1.

The [scoping meeting](#) is one method for filing public comments on the environmental review before the August 1 deadline. Comments can also be submitted via regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC-2016-0078, or via mail (using Docket ID NRC-2016-0078) to Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop OWFN-12 H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. A *Federal Register* notice, expected soon, will repeat the instructions for submitting comments.

The [Waterford 3 license renewal application](#) is available on the NRC website, and at the St. Charles Parish Library, East Regional Library, 160 W. Campus Dr., Destrehan, La.