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NRC Renews Operating License of Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant in Michigan

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating license of the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant for an additional 20 years, through March 20, 2045.

The Fermi 2 plant is a boiling-water reactor, located in Newport, Mich., about 25 miles northeast of Toledo, Ohio. The operator, DTE Electric Co., submitted the renewal application April 30, 2014.

The NRC staff's review of the application proceeded on two tracks. A safety evaluation report was issued July 12. A supplemental environmental impact statement was issued Sept. 16. These documents, as well as other information about the Fermi 2 license renewal application, [are available on the NRC website](#). The NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards also [reviewed the staff's work](#).

On Dec. 14, the Commission authorized the director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to issue the renewed license despite a pending motion before the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to reopen the adjudicatory hearing. The Commission's direction does not reflect judgment on that motion or a proposed new contention challenging the renewal.

Renewal of Fermi 2's operating license brings to 87 the number of commercial nuclear power reactors with renewed licenses (three of those have since permanently shut down). Applications for an additional eight renewals are currently under review. Information about these reviews can be found on the [NRC website](#).