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NRC Announces Hearing Opportunity on Clinch River Early Site Permit

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the opportunity for public participation in a hearing on an Early Site Permit application for the Clinch River Nuclear Site near Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is seeking early resolution of site safety, environmental, and some emergency planning issues related to a potential [small modular reactor](#) at a location approximately five miles southwest of Oak Ridge. The TVA [application](#), less proprietary and security-related details, is available on the NRC website.

The NRC has issued in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) of opportunity to petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding on the application. The deadline to submit a petition requesting a hearing is June 5. The notice provides petition filing requirements in accordance with the Commission's rules. Background information regarding the [hearing process](#) is available on the NRC website. Agency staff also discussed the hearing process with the public during an April 2016 public information session in Oak Ridge.

A petition to intervene must be electronically submitted in a timely manner to the NRC's Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) system. The petition to intervene must be filed in accordance with the NRC's [E-Filing Rule](#). Additional guidance and instructions regarding electronic submissions to the EIE system are available on the NRC [website](#).

The NRC accepted the application for review, or "docketed" the application, on Jan. 12. The NRC's docketing decision means the application contains sufficient information for an NRC review; it does not indicate whether the Commission will approve or reject the request. The NRC has established docket number 52-047 for this application. More information about the [new reactor licensing process](#) is available on the NRC website.