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NRC Renews Operating Licenses for Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [renewed the operating licenses](#) for the Indian Point nuclear power plant, Unit 2 and Unit 3, located in Buchanan, N.Y. The renewed licenses enable the licensee to operate the reactors through April 30, 2024, for Unit 2, and April 30, 2025, for Unit 3.

Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc., applied for renewal of the licenses in April 2007, seeking an additional 20 years of operation beyond the original expiration dates of 2013 and 2015. The units were authorized to continue operating under “timely renewal,” because Entergy submitted its application more than five years prior to the expiration of the original licenses.

On Jan. 8, 2017, Entergy, the state of New York, and the environmental group Riverkeeper, announced an agreement under which Entergy would permanently close the plants no later than 2024 and 2025, respectively. As part of the agreement, Entergy amended its application to seek a shorter renewal term. The NRC’s Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued an Order on March 13, 2017, dismissing remaining contentions and closing the adjudicatory hearing on the renewal.

More information on Indian Point’s license renewal application, including the NRC staff’s safety and environmental reviews, is available on the [NRC website](#).