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NRC Announces Opportunity to Request Hearing on Vogtle Unit 3 Notice of Intended Operation

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received [notice](#) from Southern Nuclear Operating Company that the company plans to load nuclear fuel into the Vogtle Unit 3 reactor in Waynesboro, Ga., beginning in late November 2020. The company has also submitted notifications describing the completion of inspections and other actions required before the beginning of the fuel load.

The NRC has published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of opportunity](#) to request a limited adjudicatory hearing regarding the notice of intended operation. Petitions requesting a hearing must be filed by April 13, by anyone whose interest may be affected by Vogtle Unit 3's proposed operation and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. For this hearing opportunity, petitions must also show which acceptance criteria in the Vogtle Unit 3 combined license have not been or will not be met, including why failure to meet the criteria would prevent the NRC from having reasonable assurance that public health and safety will be adequately protected. No environmental contentions will be considered. The Commission will determine whether to grant the hearing request.

Information on Southern Nuclear's completion of the required inspections and other actions, excluding proprietary details, is available on the NRC's [website](#). The NRC will consider this information when making a finding later this year on whether Vogtle Unit 3 can begin operating.