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NRC Makes Available Supplemental Environmental Report for Oconee Subsequent License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received a supplemental environmental report from Duke Energy Carolinas regarding an application for a second renewal of operating licenses for the Oconee Nuclear Station reactors in South Carolina. The [environmental report](#), submitted Nov. 7, is now available for public inspection on the NRC website.

Duke Energy submitted the report in response to several related Commission orders, one of which [concluded](#) that the Generic Environmental Impact Statement on license renewal did not analyze the environmental impacts of a subsequent license renewal term. A separate Commission [decision](#) gave an option for license holders that relied on the GEIS for their analysis of impacts over the subsequent license renewal term to provide additional environmental information on a site-specific basis rather than wait for the NRC staff to revise the GEIS and complete a related rulemaking. The licenses for the three Oconee reactors, located 30 miles west of Greenville, South Carolina, currently allow Unit 1 to operate through Feb. 6, 2033; Unit 2 through Oct. 6, 2033; and Unit 3 through July 19, 2034.

The NRC staff has added the report to the Oconee review's existing Docket ID NRC-2021-0146 and intends to examine environmental issues previously considered generic for license renewal, as well as new information for Oconee site-specific issues. The staff is [interested](#) in public comments on the scope of the environmental review; those comments are due Jan. 18, 2023. Based on the Commission's decisions, the NRC will issue an opportunity to request a hearing on the environmental review once the staff has produced a draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The public can submit comments via email at OconeeEnvironmental@nrc.gov, or via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) using the Docket ID above. Comments may also be submitted via U.S. Mail at Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

A copy of Duke's subsequent license renewal report supplement will be available at the Seneca Branch of the Oconee County Public Library, 300 E. South 2nd Street in Seneca. Information about the Oconee subsequent license renewal review is available on the NRC [website](#).