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NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2009-06, REVISION 1, IMPORTANCE OF GIVING THE NRC ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURSUE LICENSE RENEWAL

ADDRESSEES

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors under the provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," except those that have permanently ceased operations and from which fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel, as certified by the license holder.

INTENT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this revised regulatory issue summary (RIS) to emphasize to licensees the importance of (1) giving the NRC advance notice of their plans for license renewal and (2) notifying the NRC of changes in previously announced plans for license renewal. Responses to this RIS will allow the NRC staff to better plan and budget for the reviews of applications submitted in accordance with 10 CFR Part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants." This RIS does not transmit or imply any new or changed requirements or staff positions. The submission of advance notice of addressee plans or changes to previously announced plans is strictly voluntary; therefore, no specific action or written response is required.

BACKGROUND

The NRC issued RIS 2000-20, "Importance of Industry Providing NRC Advance Notice of Intent to Pursue License Renewal," dated November 14, 2000; as well as RIS 2003-02, dated February 3, 2003, and RIS 2009-06, dated June 15, 2009, both titled "Importance of Giving NRC Advance Notice of Intent to Pursue License Renewal," to emphasize to licensees the importance of notifying the agency of their plans for submitting license renewal applications. Responses to these requests have allowed the NRC to plan for license renewal applications projected through fiscal year (FY) 2025. The NRC will use the information already received to begin the FY 2026 budgeting process. The review of renewal applications involves significant NRC resources, and the number of applications and their submission dates greatly impact resource requirements. Voluntary submission of licensee plans for license renewal will assist the NRC in its planning and budgeting processes. When letters of intent are received with sufficient advance notice, the NRC will strive to include resources in the budget to review them. If needed, the NRC will prioritize its review based on expected submission dates. The staff will

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review any submissions beyond those with letters of intent submitted with sufficient advance notice as resources become available.

As of the date of this RIS, the NRC has received the following information from licensees about future plans to submit license renewal applications.

Fiscal Year	No.	Renewal Application	Submission Date
2024	1	Clinton Power Station	January to March 2024
2024	1	Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant	December 2023
2024	1	Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station	October to December 2023
2025	1	Dresden Nuclear Power Station	April to June 2024
2025	1	H. B. Robinson Nuclear Plant	Second Quarter of 2025
2026	1	Edwin I. Hatch Power Plant	End of 2025

The NRC staff maintains an updated list of planned initial and subsequent license renewal application submissions on its public websites at https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html and https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/subsequent-license-renewal.html.

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

To improve the accuracy of resource forecasts, the NRC requests that all power reactor licensees submit advance notice if they intend to pursue license renewal, including potential plans for requesting a second renewed operating license. Licensee responses should provide the anticipated schedule for filing the license renewal application. The agency also encourages licensees to notify the NRC, as soon as possible, of any changes to previously announced license renewal application submittal dates. Due to the substantial resources that must be allocated for each application review, the NRC uses this information for planning and budgeting purposes. The NRC requests notification of intent to submit a license renewal application before an August date that is 3 years before the fiscal year of submittal. For example, the NRC would budget for an application submitted in FY 2027 if the licensee notified the NRC before August 2024. The NRC will assess applications submitted without such advance notice using the integrated planning, budgeting, and performance management process and will schedule the review to the extent practical on a case-by-case basis. A licensee may submit an affidavit pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b) to have information withheld from public disclosure if the licensee determines that information about license renewal application submission is proprietary because it represents confidential financial or commercial information. The affidavit should contain the basis for withholding the information from public disclosure.

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE

Addressees that choose to provide advance notice of their intent to pursue license renewal, or to notify the NRC of changes to previously announced schedules for submitting license renewal applications, should send their responses to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The NRC staff is asking addressees to respond to this RIS when plans become available and preferably no later than three years before the planned submittal in order for the NRC to appropriately consider the applications in the budget for the fiscal year in which the addressees plan to submit. The NRC staff also requests the voluntary submission of addressee plans, when available, to pursue license

renewal after FY 2027. This information will assist the NRC staff in planning for future NRC budgets.

BACKFIT DISCUSSION

The NRC is issuing this RIS to request the voluntary submission of information. The agency will use this information for internal NRC planning and budgeting. This RIS does not affect the licensee procedures necessary for operating a power plant and requires no action or written response. Any action is strictly voluntary on the part of addressees to provide advance notice of their intent to pursue license renewal, or to notify the NRC of changes to previously announced schedules for submitting license renewal applications, in accordance with this RIS for the purpose of aiding the NRC in planning the use of its resources. Therefore, this is not a backfit under 10 CFR 50.109, “Backfitting,” and the staff did not perform a backfit analysis.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTIFICATION

The NRC did not publish a notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the *Federal Register* because it pertains to an administrative aspect of the regulatory process that involves the voluntary submission of information by addressees and does not represent a departure from current regulatory requirements.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

This RIS is not a rule as designated in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 801–808) and, therefore, is not subject to the Act.

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