



NRC NEWS

Office of Public Affairs, Headquarters

Washington, DC. 20555-0001
www.nrc.gov ■ opa.resource@nrc.gov



No: 25-001
CONTACT: [Scott Burnell](#), 301-415-8200

January 2, 2025

NRC Renews Monticello Operating License For a Second Time

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed for a [second time](#) the operating license of Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 1, for an additional 20 years.

Monticello is a boiling-water reactor located in Monticello, Minnesota, about 35 miles northwest of Minneapolis. Its operating license will now expire Sept. 8, 2050.

The NRC's review of the application from Northern States Power Company-Minnesota (doing business as Xcel Energy), proceeded on two tracks. A [safety evaluation report](#) was issued in March 2024, and a final [environmental impact statement](#) was issued in November 2024. These documents, as well as other information regarding the Monticello subsequent license renewal application, are available on the NRC [website](#).

With the renewal of the Monticello license, nine commercial nuclear power reactors have received subsequent renewed licenses (authorizing operations from 60 to 80 years). Six applications for subsequent license renewal are currently under review.