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NRC Renews Clinton and Dresden Operating Licenses

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating licenses of Constellation LLC's [Clinton Unit 1](#) in Clinton, Illinois, and [Dresden Units 2 and 3](#), near Morris, Illinois, for an additional 20 years beyond the current expiration dates.

Clinton Clean Energy Center

Clinton Unit 1's boiling-water reactor renewed facility operating license will expire in April 2047. The NRC review of Constellation's license renewal application, requesting authorization to operate Clinton Unit 1 from 40 to 60 years, addressed both safety and environmental matters. The NRC issued a [safety evaluation](#) and a [final supplemental environmental impact statement](#) in August 2025.

Dresden Clean Energy Center

Dresden Units 2 and 3's boiling-water reactor renewed facility operating licenses will now expire in December 2049 for Unit 2 and January 2051 for Unit 3. The NRC review of Constellation's subsequent license renewal application, requesting authorization to operate from 60 to 80 years, addressed both safety and environmental matters. The NRC issued a [safety evaluation](#) and a [final supplemental environmental impact statement](#) in September 2025.

Additional Information

"With today's decision to renew the operating licenses for Clinton Unit 1 and Dresden Units 2 and 3, the NRC has now approved 20-year extensions for 13 reactors this year," said Jeremy Groom, Acting Director of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. "This milestone reflects our continued focus on improving efficiency in the license renewal process, while upholding the NRC's high standards for safety and security. Equally important, these renewals help ensure that safe, reliable, and carbon-free electricity continues to supply our Nation's electric power grid. Together, these units will generate more than 12 gigawatts of electricity over the next two decades, enough for nearly 10 million homes across the country."

The licensing documents, as well as other information regarding the license renewal applications for [Clinton Unit 1](#) and [Dresden Units 2 and 3](#) are available on the NRC website. Additional [information about the license renewal process](#) can also be found on the NRC's website.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.