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NRC Renews Operating Licenses of South Texas Project Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating licenses of the South Texas Project Unit 1 and Unit 2 reactors for an additional 20 years.

Unit 1's license will now expire on Aug. 20, 2047, and Unit 2's license will now expire on Dec. 15, 2048. The South Texas Project pressurized-water reactors are located in Bay City, Texas, about 90 miles southwest of Houston. The operator, STP Nuclear Operating Co., submitted the renewal application Oct. 28, 2010.

The NRC staff's review of the application proceeded on two tracks. First, a safety evaluation report was issued June 8. Second, a supplemental environmental impact statement was issued in November 2013. These documents, as well as other information about the South Texas Project license renewal application, [are available on the NRC website](#). The NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards also [reviewed the staff's work](#).

Renewal of the South Texas Project operating licenses brings to 89 the number of commercial nuclear power reactors with renewed licenses (three of those have since permanently shut down). Applications for an additional five renewals are currently under review. Information about these reviews can be found on the [NRC website](#).