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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Supplement to Environmental Impact Statement for River Bend Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission seeks public comment on a draft supplemental environmental impact statement for renewing the operating license of the River Bend nuclear power plant in Louisiana. The draft report contains the NRC staff's evaluation and preliminary conclusion that the environmental impacts would not preclude renewing the license for an additional 20 years of operation.

River Bend is a boiling-water reactor located about 24 miles northwest of Baton Rouge. Entergy Louisiana, LLC, and Entergy Operations Inc., submitted the renewal application on May 31, 2017.

The NRC's review of the application consists of a technical safety review and an environmental review. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is supplement 58 to NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants. It is now available on the NRC's website.

In a related *Federal Register* notice published today, the NRC provided detailed instructions on how to submit written comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement. Comments will be accepted through July 23. The River Bend license renewal application and general information about reactor license renewal are available on the NRC website.