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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Environmental Study for License Renewal of Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Facility

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on its draft environmental impact statement for the proposed license renewal of Westinghouse Electric Co.'s Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility in Hopkins, South Carolina. The draft statement makes the preliminary recommendation that the license should be renewed for an additional 40 years.

The draft statement concludes environmental and socioeconomic impacts from renewing the operating license for 40 years would be small for most environmental resource areas, with small to moderate impacts primarily in groundwater on the plant site. The report details measures Westinghouse has implemented under a consent agreement with South Carolina to mitigate the effects of spills during past operations, and two new license conditions regarding environmental monitoring to monitor, mitigate, and prevent future contamination.

The public comment period will open Aug. 6 with publication of a [notice](#) in the Federal Register. Comments will be accepted through Sept. 20. The NRC staff intends to hold a public meeting during the comment period to present its findings and accept comments. Details on the meeting will be published on the NRC's [Public Meetings page](#).

Comments may be submitted online at www.regulations.gov, using Docket ID NRC-2015-0039; by email at WEC_CFFF_EIS.resource@nrc.gov; by voicemail at 1-800-216-0881; or by U.S. Mail to Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.