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NRC Announces Opportunity to Request Hearing for Grand Gulf Early Site Permit Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the [opportunity](#) for the public to request a hearing on a request from System Energy Resources, an Entergy subsidiary, to renew the Early Site Permit for the Grand Gulf site in Mississippi.

The [ESP](#), issued in 2007, resolved many site-related safety and environmental issues, and concluded the site is suitable for possible future construction and operation of a nuclear power plant. Entergy (or any other potential applicant interested in the site) must still seek NRC approval for a construction permit or combined license before any significant construction could occur. The filing deadline for this hearing opportunity is March 30.

The request to renew the ESP includes a requested exemption from requirements to update information in renewal applications. The NRC staff has determined that the exemption request contains sufficient information for the agency to formally docket it and begin its detailed technical reviews. Therefore, the NRC staff has determined that the ESP renewal application is acceptable for docketing. If approved, the exemption would allow Grand Gulf to update its information in the future. Docketing these requests is not an indication of whether the NRC will grant the exemption or renew the ESP.

Additional information on the current [Grand Gulf ESP](#) and the [Grand Gulf ESP renewal](#) can 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.