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NRC Extends St. Lucie Nuclear Plant Operations Into the 2060s

ROCKVILLE, Md. — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [renewed](#) the operating licenses for both reactors at the St. Lucie nuclear plant in Southeast Florida, allowing the facility to continue generating electricity for another 20 years and extending its operations into the 2050s and 2060s.

The decision enables the plant to keep providing reliable, carbon-free power to homes and businesses across the region for decades to come.

Located near Fort Pierce, the plant's two pressurized water reactors are now licensed to operate through March 1, 2056, and April 6, 2063. This marks the second license renewal for St. Lucie, allowing the units to operate for up to 80 years.

Over the past 15 months, the agency has renewed 18 operating reactor licenses, preserving 17,000 megawatts of clean, reliable power for another 20 years.

The NRC's review of Florida Power & Light's application included detailed safety and environmental evaluations, which concluded the plant can continue operating safely during the extended period. The agency completed a [safety evaluation](#) in September 2023 and an [environmental review](#) in March 2026, which supplements the 2024 [Environmental Impact Statement](#) for license renewal at nuclear plants.

Additional information about the [St. Lucie subsequent license renewal review](#) and [the overall license renewal process](#) is available 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 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.