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## NRC Announces Acceptance of Cooper Subsequent License Renewal Application

**Rockville, Md.** — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has [accepted](#) for review an application from Nebraska Public Power District to operate Cooper Nuclear Station for another two decades beyond its current license.

NPPD submitted its [subsequent license renewal application](#) May 7, asking the NRC to extend Cooper's operating license from 60 to 80 years. If approved, the Brownville, Nebraska plant would remain in service through January 2054. NRC staff determined the application contains sufficient technical and environmental detail to proceed with a full safety and environmental review, and staff will conduct audits before making a licensing decision.

The NRC licensed Cooper for 40 years through January 2014, then approved a 20-year renewal in 2010, extending its license to 2034. The new application, if approved, would extend that another 20 years.

The NRC will publish a formal hearing notice within the next few days, opening a 60-day window for individuals and nearby communities to request a legal proceeding on the application.

The application is available on the NRC website, and hard copies will be held at Auburn Memorial Library, 1810 Courthouse Ave., Auburn, Nebraska, and Atchison County Library, 200 South Main St., in Rock Port, Missouri.

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