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## **NRC Renews Hatch Licenses in Under 12 Months, Preserving 1.8 Gigawatts on the Grid for 20 More Years**

**ROCKVILLE, Md.** — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed its second nuclear power plant license renewal in under 12 months, granting the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant in Georgia another 20 years of carbon-free electricity generation. The back-to-back rapid renewals mark a milestone for the agency under Executive Order 14300, which established the 12-month target for license renewal reviews.

Unit 1 is now licensed to operate through August 2054, and Unit 2 through June 2058, for up to 80 years of operation for each of the Southern Nuclear-operated boiling-water reactors.

“The NRC continues to demonstrate we can reach timely decisions while maintaining our strict safety oversight,” said Anna Bradford, Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. “The staff’s ability to focus on key factors necessary for long-term plant performance and to implement continuous learning enabled us to efficiently secure another 1.8 gigawatts of power on the grid for 20 more years.”

NRC staff completed safety and environmental reviews using a streamlined process for license renewals, applying lessons learned from earlier reviews to work more efficiently without compromising safety standards.

The NRC [safety evaluation](#), [environmental review findings](#), and [renewed licenses](#) are available on the NRC website. Additional information about [this license renewal](#) can also be found online.

*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.*