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NRC Seeks Comment on Proposed Revision to Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Renewing Reactor Licenses

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold four additional hybrid meetings around the country as the agency seeks comment on a [proposed rule](#) to update the agency's license renewal Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

The meetings will be accessible via Microsoft Teams. Those interested in attending online should register ahead of time by clicking on the webinar link in the meeting notices below. The meetings will be from 6-8 p.m. local time at each location, and the staff will host a 30-minute open house prior to each meeting.

The meetings will be: [March 28](#) at the Marriott Chicago Naperville, 1801 N. Naperville Blvd. in Naperville, Illinois; [March 30](#) at the Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Westlake, 1301 Solana Blvd., Building 3, in Westlake, Texas; [April 4](#) at the Alloy King of Prussia, 301 West DeKalb Pike in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; and [April 6](#) at the Courtyard by Marriott Atlanta Decatur Downtown/Emory, 130 Clairemont Ave. in Decatur, Georgia.

The proposed rule is in response to a 2022 Commission order that [concluded](#) the license renewal GEIS did not analyze the environmental impacts of a subsequent license renewal term (from 60 to 80 years of operation). The proposed rule amends the relevant rule language to account for initial license renewal and one term of subsequent license renewal, redefines the number and scope of the environmental issues that must be addressed during the review of each application for license renewal, and updates related guidance to fully address subsequent renewal.

The GEIS covers environmental topics relevant to all nuclear power plant operators seeking renewed licenses. The document accounts for new or revised environmental impacts, changes in regulations or guidance, and applies what the agency has learned during previous license renewals.

The public meetings are one method for submitting comments before the May 2 deadline. Staff will consider the comments before finalizing the rule and GEIS for Commission consideration. Comments can also be submitted via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket ID NRC-2018-0296, via email to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov, or via mail to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff.