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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating license for the Arkansas Nuclear One power plant, Unit 2 (ANO-2). The report contains the NRC's finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

The ANO-2 plant is located in Pope County, about 6 miles west-northwest of Russellville, Ark. The current operating license expires on July 17, 2018. Entergy Nuclear, the licensee, submitted an application for renewal of the license on Oct. 15, 2003. The license for Unit 1 was previously renewed and will expire on May 20, 2034.

As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC held public meetings near the plant to discuss the scope of the review and the draft version of the environmental impact statement. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of state and federal agencies.

The ANO-2 Final Environmental Impact Statement is available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement19/index.html>. Copies are also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.; and the Ross Pendergraft Library at Arkansas Tech University, 305 West Q St., Russellville, Ark.

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