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NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Waterford Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published the final supplemental environmental impact statement for renewing the operating license of the Waterford nuclear power plant in Louisiana. The report contains the NRC staff's evaluation and conclusion that the adverse environmental impacts would not preclude renewing the license for an additional 20 years of operation.

Waterford is a pressurized-water reactor located about 25 miles west of New Orleans. Entergy Operations Inc. and Entergy Louisiana LLC submitted the renewal application on March 30, 2016.

The NRC's review of the application consists of a technical safety review and an environmental review. The final supplemental environmental impact statement is supplement 59 to NUREG-1437, Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, which is available on the NRC's website. The Waterford license renewal application and general information about reactor license renewal are also available on the NRC website.