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NRC ISSUES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR VOGTLE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed its final environmental impact statement for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, and concluded that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

Vogtle Electric Generating Plant units are pressurized water reactors, located about 26 miles southeast of Augusta, Ga. The current operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 expire Jan. 16, 2027 and Feb. 9, 2029 respectively. The operator, Southern Nuclear Operating Co., Inc. submitted an application for renewal of its licenses June 27, 2007.

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 and considered from members of the public, local officials, and representatives of state and federal agencies.

Publication of the final environmental impact statement does not represent final NRC action on the license renewal application. The agency staff is completing its safety evaluation report, and the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will evaluate that report and make its recommendation before the agency makes a final decision.

The Vogtle final environmental impact statement is available on the NRC's Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement34/> and can also be viewed in the NRC's ADAMS online documents system at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> by entering accession number "ML083380325" in the search window.

The Vogtle license renewal application is posted at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/vogtle.html>. Additional information about the license renewal process is available at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

The report is also available for review at the Burke County Library, 130 Highway 24 S., Waynesboro, Ga.

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