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NRC RENEWS OPERATING LICENSE FOR KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 20 YEARS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating license for the Kewaunee Power Station, located in Kewaunee County, Wis., for an additional 20 years. The renewed license for the nuclear power plant will now expire on Dec. 21, 2033.

The decision to renew the license comes after thorough safety and environmental reviews of the application submitted by the plant's operator, Dominion Energy Kewaunee, Inc., by letter dated Aug. 12, 2008. Kewaunee Power Station is a pressurized-water reactor located 27 miles east-southeast of Green Bay, Wis.

The NRC held public meetings near the plant to discuss Kewaunee's environmental review on Oct. 22, 2008, and March 24, 2010. In August 2010, NRC staff concluded there were no environmental impacts that would preclude renewal of the license for environmental reasons.

After careful review of the plant's safety systems and specifications, the staff concluded that the applicant had effectively demonstrated the capability to manage the effects of plant aging and that there were no safety concerns that would preclude license renewal. In addition, NRC conducted inspections of the plant to verify information submitted by the applicant. On Jan. 7, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards – an independent body of technical experts that advise the Commission – issued its letter recommending that license renewal for Kewaunee should be approved.

The safety and environmental review reports, application and letters relating to the Kewaunee license renewal are available on the NRC website at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/kewaunee.html>.

The Kewaunee reactor represents the 62nd reactor license renewed by the NRC. A complete listing of renewal applications can be found on the NRC website at:

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