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NRC Renews Operating License of River Bend Nuclear Plant

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating license of the River Bend Nuclear Generating Station for an additional 20 years.

River Bend's license will now expire Aug. 29, 2045. The plant has a single boiling-water reactor, located in St. Francisville, La., about 24 miles northwest of Baton Rouge. The operator, Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc., submitted the renewal application May 31, 2017.

The NRC staff's review of the application proceeded on two tracks. First, a safety evaluation report was issued August 16. Second, a supplemental environmental impact statement was issued Nov. 8. These documents, as well as other information about the River Bend license renewal application, are available on the [NRC website](#). The NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards also [reviewed the staff's work](#).

Renewal of the River Bend operating license, effective Dec. 20, brings to 92 the number of commercial nuclear power reactors with renewed licenses (four of those have since permanently shut down). Applications for an additional two renewals are currently under review. Information about these reviews can be found on the [NRC website](#).