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NRC Issues Subsequent Renewed Licenses for Turkey Point Reactors

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has [approved](#) Florida Power & Light's application for an additional 20 years of operation for Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Units 3 and 4, located approximately 20 miles south of Miami. This is the first time the NRC has issued renewed licenses authorizing reactor operation from 60 to 80 years.

Turkey Point Unit 3's subsequent renewed license expires on July 19, 2052. Unit 4's subsequent renewed license expires on April 10, 2053. The rationale for the NRC's decision is documented in the staff's July 2019 final [Safety Evaluation Report](#) on the application, as well as the staff's October 2019 final [Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#). The NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards also [reviewed](#) the safety aspects of renewing the licenses.

The NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board terminated the adjudicatory proceeding regarding the application in October 2019, [concluding that](#) no contested matters remained before it for resolution. The Board's decisions have been appealed to the Commission. The NRC staff has determined that issuing the subsequent renewed licenses before the Commission acts on the appeals would not foreclose or prejudice any action by the Commission.

FPL submitted the Turkey Point subsequent license renewal [application](#) on Jan. 30, 2018, amending the application with additional information through April 10, 2018. The [subsequent license renewal process](#) determines whether an operating reactor can safely extend its license for an additional 20 years (from 60 to 80 years of operation).