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NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Oconee Nuclear Station Subsequent License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published its [final environmental impact statement](#) for the proposed second license renewal for Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3.

The statement, or EIS, examines the environmental report, as supplemented, submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, as part of its subsequent license renewal application. NRC staff concluded there are no adverse environmental impacts to preclude the renewal of Oconee's operating licenses for an additional 20 years.

Duke Energy is seeking a second, or subsequent, licensing term to extend the plant's operations from 60 to 80 years. The licenses for the Oconee reactors, located 30 miles west of Greenville, South Carolina, currently will expire Feb. 6, 2033, for Unit 1; Oct. 6, 2033, for Unit 2; and July 19, 2034, for Unit 3.

NRC staff issued its [Safety Evaluation Report](#) for Oconee's subsequent license renewal in December 2022. The agency will consider the safety and environmental reports in making a final decision on extending the Oconee licenses from 60 to 80 years. Information about the Oconee subsequent license renewal review is available on the NRC [website](#).