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NRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR BEAVER VALLEY NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced today that an application for a 20-year renewal of the operating licenses for Units 1 and 2 of the Beaver Valley Power Station is available for public review.

The Beaver Valley plant is located about 17 miles west of McCandless, Pa. The current operating licenses expire on Jan. 29, 2016, for Unit 1 and May 27, 2027, for Unit 2.

The licensee, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. (FENOC), submitted the renewal application Feb. 15. It is available on the NRC Web site at this address:
<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html> .

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial review of the application to determine whether it contains enough information for the required formal review. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally “docket,” or file, the application and will announce an opportunity to request a public hearing.

The NRC staff is currently reviewing several significant license amendment requests for both units at Beaver Valley, including a request to increase maximum power output by up to 8 percent. Because of these concurrent reviews, FENOC has requested that the license renewal review schedule be extended six months beyond the usual 22 months (30 months if there is a hearing). The NRC staff will decide on this schedule request during its acceptance review of the license renewal application.

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