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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEARING ON APPLICATIONS TO RENEW OPERATING LICENSES FOR SALEM AND HOPE CREEK NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced opportunities to request a hearing on applications to renew the operating licenses for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station Units 1 and 2, and the Hope Creek Generating Station.

The Salem Nuclear Generating Station Units are pressurized-water nuclear reactors; the Hope Creek Generating Station is a boiling-water nuclear reactor. The plants are located in Hancock's Bridge, N.J., about 18 miles southeast of Wilmington, Del.

The licensee, PSEG Nuclear LLC, submitted the renewal applications on August 18 for both plants. The current operating licenses for Salem Nuclear Generating Station Units 1 and 2 expire on Aug. 13, 2016, and April 18, 2020, respectively. The Hope Creek license expires on April 11, 2026.

The NRC staff has determined that the applications contain sufficient information for the agency to formally "docket," or file, both applications and begin their technical review. Docketing of the applications does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant the applications.

The deadline for requesting a hearing is Dec. 22, following today's publication of notices in the *Federal Register*. By that date, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding.

A request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. They may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 415-1101 or email to HEARINGDOCKET@nrc.gov. A copy should also be submitted to the NRC Office of General Counsel, by facsimile to (301) 415-3725 or e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.

Information about the license renewal process can be found on the NRC Web site at

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>. The Salem renewal application is online at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/salem.html> and the Hope Creek renewal application is online at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/hope-creek.html> .

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