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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF COOK NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating licenses for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The report contains the NRC's finding that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

The Cook plant is located in Berrien County, about 55 miles east of Chicago, Ill. The current operating licenses expire on October 25, 2014, for Unit 1 and December 23, 2017, for Unit 2. Indiana Michigan Power Co. Inc. (I&M), the licensee, submitted an application for renewal of both licenses on Oct. 31, 2003.

As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC held public meetings near the plant to discuss the scope of the review and the draft version of the environmental impact statement. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of state and federal agencies.

The Donald C. Cook Final Environmental Impact Statement is available on the NRC's Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement20/index.html . Copies are also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md.; the Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake Street, Bridgman, Mich. and the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market Street, St. Joseph, Mich.

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