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NRC FINDS NO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF ANO-1

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has issued its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating license for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 (ANO-1) nuclear power plant in Russellville, Arkansas. In the report, the NRC staff found there should be no significant environmental impacts from an additional 20 years of plant operation and recommends that the Commission determine there are no impacts that would preclude renewal of the license for environmental reasons.

Entergy Operations, Inc. submitted an application to the NRC in January, 2000, to renew the license for ANO-1 for another 20 years. The current license for Unit 1 expires on May 20, 2014.

As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC held four public meetings -- two on April 4 and two on November 14 last year -- regarding the scope of and a draft version of the environmental impact statement to receive comments from members of the public, local officials and representatives of other agencies. The NRC has submitted the final environmental impact statement to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which published a notice of its availability in the Federal Register on May 4. Separately, the NRC issued a notice of its availability on May 3.

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