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NRC ANNOUNCES OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING ON APPLICATION TO RENEW OPERATING LICENSE FOR KANSAS STATE RESEARCH REACTOR

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the opportunity to request a hearing on an application to renew the operating license for the Kansas State University (KSU) Research Reactor for an additional 20 years.

The KSU Research Reactor is a TRIGA Mark II reactor located on the Kansas State campus in Manhattan, Kansas. The university submitted the renewal application Sept. 12, 2002, and supplemented the application on Dec. 22, 2004, and July 6, 2005. The reactor's license would have expired Oct. 16, 2002, but since the renewal application was filed before that point, the NRC will consider the license valid until the renewal application has been reviewed.

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

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing was published in the *Federal Register* on Oct. 6, and the deadline for requesting a hearing is Nov. 7. Petitions may 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. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 415-1101 or e-mail 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 NRC's oversight of research reactors can be found on the agency's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/non-power.html>.

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