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LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR BEAVER VALLEY NUCLEAR PLANT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

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

Beaver Valley Units 1 and 2 are pressurized water reactors located about 17 miles west of McCandless, Pa. The current operating licenses expire Jan. 29, 2016, for Unit 1 and May 27, 2027, for Unit 2.

Beaver Valley's operator, First Energy Nuclear Operating Co. (FENOC), submitted the license renewal application Aug. 27. The application is available on the NRC Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html>. The application is also available at the Beaver Area Memorial Library, 100 College Ave., Beaver, Pa.

FENOC originally submitted a license renewal application for Beaver Valley in March 2005. The NRC returned that application as incomplete and unacceptable for docketing.

The NRC staff is currently conducting its initial reviews of the new application to determine whether it contains sufficient information required for the formal safety and environmental reviews. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally "docket," or file it and will announce an opportunity for the public to request an adjudicatory hearing on the renewal request. Additional information about the NRC's review of reactor license renewal applications is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

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