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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating license for the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant. 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 Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant is a pressurized water reactor located about 20 miles southwest of Raleigh, N.C. The current operating license expires Oct. 24, 2026. The operator, Progress Energy, submitted an application for renewal of the license Nov. 16, 2006.

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 and considered from members of the public, local officials, and representatives of state and federal agencies.

Publication of the final environmental impact statement does not represent final NRC action on the license renewal application. The agency staff is completing its safety evaluation report, and the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will evaluate that report and make its recommendation before the agency makes a final decision.

The Shearon Harris final environmental impact statement is available on the NRC's Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement33/>.

The Shearon Harris license renewal application is posted at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/harris.html>. Additional information about the license renewal process is available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

The report is also available for review at the West Regional Library, 4000 Louis Stephens Dr., Cary, N.C., as well as the Eva H. Perry Library, 2100 Shepherd's Vineyard Dr., Apex, N.C.

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