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NRC Renews Operating License of Sequoyah Nuclear Plant in Tennessee

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed the operating licenses of Units 1 and 2 at the Sequoyah nuclear power plant in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., for an additional 20 years.

The Sequoyah plant, located about 16 miles northeast of Chattanooga, has two pressurized water reactors. The renewed licenses authorize Unit 1 to operate through Sept. 17, 2040, and Unit 2 through Sept. 15, 2041. The Tennessee Valley Authority applied to renew the licenses on Jan. 7, 2013. The NRC staff's review of the application proceeded on two tracks. A safety evaluation report was issued Jan. 29, 2015, and supplemented earlier this month. A supplemental environmental impact statement was issued March 20, 2015. These documents, as well as other information about the Sequoyah license renewal, [are available on the NRC website](#). The NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards also [reviewed the staff's work](#).

Renewal of the Sequoyah operating licenses brings to 78 the number of commercial nuclear power reactors with renewed licenses. Applications for an additional 16 renewals are currently under review. Information about these reviews can be found on the [NRC website](#).