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NRC ISSUES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR BEAVER VALLEY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed its final environmental impact statement for the Beaver Valley Power Station Units 1 and 2, and concluded that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

Beaver Valley Power Station units are pressurized-water reactors, located in Shippingport (Beaver County), Pa., and operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. The current operating licenses for Beaver Valley Unit 1 and 2 are due to expire on Jan. 29, 2016, and May 27, 2027, respectively. On Aug. 28, 2007, FirstEnergy submitted an application for a 20-year license extension for each unit.

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 Beaver Valley final environmental impact statement will be available on the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/supplement36/> and can also be viewed in the NRC's ADAMS online documents system at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> by entering accession number "ML091260011" in the search window.

The Beaver Valley license renewal application will be posted at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/bvalley.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 following locations: Beaver Area Memorial Library, 100 College Ave. in Beaver, Pa., telephone 724-775-1132, and Beaver County Library System, 1 Campus Drive in Monaca, Pa., telephone 724-728-3737.

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