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NRC to Hold Webinars Seeking Public Comment on Updating Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Renewing Reactor Licenses

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hear the public's views on updating the Generic Environmental Impact Statement used by the agency when considering applications to renew operating reactor licenses.

NRC staff will consider written comments on the updated GEIS scoping process until Nov. 2, following the publication of a [notice](#) in the *Federal Register*. Include Docket ID NRC-2020-0175 with your comment, via the regulations.gov website. The notice includes details for participating in webinars [Aug. 19](#) and [Aug. 27](#), with two sessions each day from 1:30 - 4 p.m. and from 6:30 - 9 p.m. to discuss the GEIS process and gather input.

The GEIS covers environmental topics relevant to all nuclear power plant licensees seeking renewed licenses. The NRC is reviewing the document to re-evaluate potential impacts and apply what the agency has learned during previous license renewals. The agency will consider whether to modify, add to, consolidate, or delete any of the 78 environmental issues currently evaluated in the GEIS.

The NRC is particularly interested in comments in several areas, including greenhouse gas emissions, groundwater quality degradation, the impact of new reactors on existing reactor license renewals, and the consideration of small modular or advanced reactor license renewals.