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NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Perry Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement for renewing the operating license of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, 35 miles northeast of Cleveland, Ohio. The draft report contains the NRC staff's evaluation and preliminary conclusion that no environmental impacts would preclude renewing the license for an additional 20 years of operation.

The NRC staff will hold two virtual public meetings on the draft report. The first meeting will be Oct. 1 from 1-3 p.m. Eastern time, and the second meeting will be Oct. 2 from 6-8 p.m. Eastern time. As part of these meetings, the staff will describe the environmental review process and accept comments on the draft report.

The public can also submit comments three other ways: online at regulations.gov, under Docket ID NRC-2023-0136; email to PerryEnvironmental@nrc.gov; or by mail to Office of Administration, Mail Stop TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The deadline for submitting comments is Oct. 21.

The operating license for Perry Unit 1, a boiling-water reactor, expires Nov. 7, 2026. The plant owner, Energy Harbor, submitted the license renewal application on July 3, 2023. The NRC's review of the application covers both safety and environmental issues. The draft report is part of the NRC's environmental review and is available on the NRC's website. A final environmental impact statement is anticipated to be issued in spring 2025.

The Perry license renewal application is available on the NRC website and can be viewed at the Perry Public Library at 3753 Main St. in Perry. General information about reactor license renewal is also available on the NRC website.