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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Duke Energy Progress, LLC;

H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2;

Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has published a final environmental impact statement (EIS), which is a supplement to NUREG-1437 and is issued as “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Final Report.” This final EIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed subsequent license renewal of Renewed Facility Operating License No. DRP-23 for an additional 20 years of operation for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (RNP). RNP is located in Darlington County, South Carolina, approximately 5 miles west-northwest of Hartsville, South Carolina.

DATES: “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Final Report” is available as of March 12, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-0076 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2025-0076. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions contact the individual listed in the “For Further Information Contact” section of this document.

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- **Public Library:** A copy of “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Final Report” will be available for public review at the Hartsville Memorial Library, 147 West College Ave., Hartsville, South Carolina 29550.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In accordance with section 51.118 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, “Final environmental impact statement—notice of availability,” the NRC is making available for public inspection “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 13, Second Renewal, Regarding Subsequent License Renewal for H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2, Final Report” regarding the proposed subsequent license renewal of Renewed Facility Operating License No. DRP-23 for an additional 20 years of operation for RNP. A notice of availability of the draft EIS was published in the *Federal Register* (FR) on January 9, 2026 (91 FR 1007). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also issued its notice of availability of the draft EIS on January 9, 2026 (91 FR 997). The public comment period on the draft EIS ended on February 23, 2026, and the comments received on the draft EIS are addressed in the final EIS.

II. Discussion

The draft EIS was issued for public comment on January 9, 2026. The final EIS addresses the comments received on the draft EIS. As discussed in Chapter 4 of the final EIS, the NRC staff has determined that the adverse environmental impacts of subsequent license renewal for RNP (i.e., the continued operation of RNP for a period of 20 years beyond the expiration date of the renewed license) are not so great that preserving the option of subsequent license renewal for energy-planning decision-makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in NUREG-1437, Revision 2, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Final Report,” dated August 2024; (2) information

provided in the environmental report, and other documents submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC; (3) the NRC staff's consultation with Federal, State, and local governmental agencies and Indian Tribes; (4) the NRC staff's independent environmental review; and (5) the NRC staff's consideration of public comments received during the scoping process and on the draft EIS.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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