



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366; NRC-2025-0091]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Subsequent License Renewal

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (Southern) for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (Hatch), Units 1 and 2, respectively.

DATES: The NRC issued Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 on June 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-0091 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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

Notice is hereby given that the NRC has issued Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 to Southern for Hatch, Units 1 and 2, respectively. Southern is the operator of the facility. Subsequent Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 authorize Southern to operate Hatch, Units 1 and 2 at reactor core power levels not in excess of 2,804 megawatts thermal, in accordance with the provisions of the Hatch licenses and technical specifications.

The NRC staff documented the results of its environmental review of the Hatch subsequent license renewal (SLR) application in an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI), which was issued and made publicly available in March 2026 as “Environmental Assessment for Subsequent License Renewal of Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2.” On the basis of its EA and its determination that the environmental impacts would be SMALL for each potentially affected resource area, the NRC staff concluded that Hatch SLR will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment; accordingly, the NRC staff determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for that proposed action. The EA included the NRC staff’s recommendation that the adverse environmental impacts of SLR for Hatch are not

so great that preserving the option of SLR for energy-planning decision-makers would be unreasonable. The NRC staff based this recommendation on (1) the analysis and findings in the NRC's Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, which the EA supplemented, (2) the applicant's environmental report, (3) the NRC staff's consultations with Federal, State, and local agencies and Indian Tribes, and (4) the NRC staff's independent environmental review.

Hatch Units 1 and 2 are boiling-water reactors located near Baxley, Georgia. Southern submitted its SLR application for Hatch on May 15, 2025, as supplemented by letters through February 26, 2026 (see the "Availability of Documents" section of this document). The NRC staff has determined that Southern's SLR application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's regulations. As required by the Act and NRC regulations in title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Chapter I, "Nuclear Regulatory Commission," the NRC has made appropriate findings, which are set forth in the subsequent renewed licenses.

Notice of the NRC's acceptance for docketing of the Hatch SLR application and an opportunity to request a hearing was published in the *Federal Register* on June 20, 2025 (90 FR 26331). In May 2026, the NRC staff issued its safety evaluation concerning the Hatch SLR application. In March 2026, the NRC staff published the EA and FONSI, and a notice of issuance of the EA and FONSI was published in the *Federal Register* on April 2, 2026 (91 FR 16756).

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) Southern's SLR application for Hatch, dated May 15, 2025, as supplemented by letters dated through February 26, 2026, (2) the NRC's safety evaluation, dated May 20, 2026, and (3) the NRC's EA and FONSI, dated March 31, 2026.

II. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS, as indicated.

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	ADAMS ACCESSION NO.
NUREG-1437, Revision 2, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," Volumes 1–3, dated August 2024	ML24087A133 (Package)
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Application for Subsequent Renewal of Operating Licenses, dated May 15, 2025	ML25135A390 (Package)
Response to Request for Additional Information and Request for Confirmation of Information, Set 1, dated December 22, 2025	ML25356A532 (Package)
Supplement 1 to Application for Subsequent Renewal of Operating Licenses, dated December 22, 2025	ML25356A511 (Package)
Annual Update and Supplement 2 to the Application for Subsequent Renewal of Operating Licenses, Including Consolidated Implementation Actions Table, dated February 26, 2026	ML26057A455
Environmental Assessment for Subsequent License Renewal of Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, dated March 31, 2026	ML26063A016
Safety Evaluation Related to the Subsequent License Renewal of Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, dated May 20, 2026	ML26131A234

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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