

Place: U.S. NSF, Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314/Virtual.

Members and the public may attend this virtual meeting via Zoom.

Attendance information and a meeting registration link will be forthcoming on the AC website: <https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp>.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Louise Edwards, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, U.S. National Science Foundation, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-7597.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies. To prepare the annual report.

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Dated: February 4, 2026.

Crystal Robinson,
Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include an assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. These meetings will primarily take place at NSF's headquarters, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with

the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF website: <https://nsf.gov/events/proposal-review-panels>.

This information may also be requested by telephoning 703/292-8687.

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Crystal Robinson,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2022-0119]

Regulatory Issue Summary: Personnel Access Authorization Requirements for Non-Immigrant Foreign Nationals Working at Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2026-01, "Personnel Access Authorization Requirements For Non-Immigrant Foreign Nationals Working At Nuclear Power Plants," to remind licensees of the NRC requirement that prior to granting or reinstating unescorted access (UA) or certifying unescorted access authorization (UAA) to non-immigrant foreign nationals for the purpose of performing work, licensees shall validate that the foreign national's claimed non immigration status is correct.

DATES: The RIS is available as of February 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2022-0119 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-2022-0119. 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(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- **NRC's PDR:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

This RIS is also available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/> (select "2026" and then select "2026-01").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Baxter, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-287-3615; email: Brad.Baxter@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC published notices of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 17770 and 87 FR 35798) on March 31, 2020 and June 13, 2022, respectively. The agency received comments from seven commenters. The staff considered all comments, which resulted in the publication of the updated draft RIS on April 18, 2025 (ADAMS under Accession No. ML25083A260). Since the publication of the updated draft RIS on April 18, 2025, and a public meeting on April 28, 2025, staff received additional feedback from licensees regarding the need to address circumstances where results from the Department of Homeland Security's Systematic Alien Verification for

Entitlements program may indicate that an individual is not employment eligible, but where they are still authorized to conduct business. To address these concerns, the staff added an additional footnote to the RIS (Footnote 2 in the final draft) as well as provided a clarifying paragraph for instances where a licensee may identify other methods for validation by “evaluating an accumulation of information.” This includes situations where licensees need to manage exigent circumstances, permitting access through other means available in accordance with NRC regulations.

The evaluation of these comments and the resulting changes to the RIS are discussed in a publicly available document found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25155A903.

RIS 2026-01, “Personnel Access Authorization Requirements for Non-Immigrant Foreign Nationals Working at Nuclear Power Plants,” is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25155B213.

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs determined that this RIS is not a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866.

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

Dated: February 4, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian Benney,

Acting Chief, Generic Communications and Operating Experience Branch, Division of Reactor Oversight, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-055; NRC-2025-2161]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Belews Creek; Belews Creek Early Site Permit Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Acceptance of docketing, opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene; order imposing procedures.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has accepted and docketed an application for an early site permit (ESP) submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, dated December 30, 2025. In addition, the NRC is providing notice that an uncontested hearing will be held on the ESP

application at a time and place to be set in the future by the presiding officer for the uncontested hearing. This notice also provides the public an opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (*i.e.*, contested hearing) with respect to that application. If the NRC issues an ESP, the applicant, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, would be approved for one or more proposed sites for a nuclear power facility, independent of a specific nuclear plant design or an application for a construction permit or combined license. Because the application contains Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI), this notice includes an order that imposes procedures to obtain access to SUNSI for contention preparation.

DATES: A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by April 10, 2026. Any potential party as defined in section 2.4 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) who believes access to SUNSI is necessary to respond to this notice must request document access by February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2025-2161 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-2025-2161. 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(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• **NRC's Public Website:** The ESP application is available under the NRC’s Duke Energy Belews Creek Early Site Permit Application public website <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/advanced/who-were-working-with/applicant-projects/dukeenergy.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emmanuel Sayoc, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-4084; email: *Emmanuel.Sayoc@nrc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

On December 30, 2025, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, filed with the NRC pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,” an application for an ESP for the Belews Creek site located in Stokes County, North Carolina.

A notice of receipt and availability of this application was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 7, 2026 (91 FR 542) and February 4, 2026. Identical notices of receipt and availability are planned to be published for an additional three consecutive weeks thereafter.

The NRC staff has determined that the Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ESP application is acceptable for docketing in accordance with 10 CFR 2.101(a) and 10 CFR part 52 and assigned the docket number “52-055” for this application. The application was docketed on February 9, 2025. The NRC staff provided Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, notice of the acceptance and docketing determination by letter dated February 9, 2026 (ADAMS Accession No. ML26016A624).

The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of the application and document its findings in a safety evaluation. Docketing of the application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application. The Commission will conduct a hearing in accordance with Subpart L, “Informal Hearing Procedures for NRC Adjudications,” of 10 CFR part 2 and will receive a report on the ESP application from the Advisory Committee on Reactors Safeguards in accordance with 10 CFR