

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i)

To qualify for a categorical exclusion under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i), the exemption must involve a no significant hazards consideration. The criteria for making a no significant hazards consideration determination are found in 10 CFR 50.92(c). The NRC has determined that the granting of the exemption request involves no significant hazards consideration because allowing the submittal of the subsequent license renewal application less than 5 years before the expiration of the existing license and deeming the license in timely renewal under 10 CFR 2.109(b) does not: (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i) are met.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(ii) and (iii)

The requested exemption constitutes a change to the schedule by which the licensee must submit its application for subsequent license renewal and still place the license in timely renewal, which is administrative in nature, and does not involve any change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of effluents that may be released offsite and does not contribute to any significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Accordingly, there is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, and no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(ii) and (iii) are met.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iv)

The regulation that is requested to be exempted is not associated with construction, and the exemption request does not propose any changes to the site and would not alter the site or change the operation of the site. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iv) are met because there is no significant construction impact.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(v)

The requested exemption constitutes a change to the schedule by which the licensee must submit its subsequent license renewal application and still place the license in timely renewal, which is administrative in nature, and does not impact the probability or consequences of accidents. Thus, there is no significant increase in the potential for, or consequences of, a radiological accident. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(v) are met.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)

To qualify for a categorical exclusion under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(G), an exemption must involve scheduling requirements. The requested exemption involves scheduling requirements because it would allow the licensee to submit an application for subsequent license renewal for the PNP less

than 5 years prior to the expiration of the existing license, rather than the 5 years specified in 10 CFR 2.109(b), and still place the license in timely renewal under 10 CFR 2.109(b). Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi) are met.

Based on the above, the NRC concludes that the requested exemption meets the eligibility criteria for a categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need to be prepared in connection with the granting of this exemption request.

IV. Conclusion

Accordingly, the NRC has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 54.15 and 10 CFR 50.12, the requested exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances, as defined in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2), are present. Therefore, the NRC hereby grants the licensee a one-time exemption from 10 CFR 2.109(b) to allow Holtec to submit a subsequent license renewal application for the PNP less than 5 years prior to the expiration of the PNP's renewed facility operating license, but no later than March 24, 2028.

The decision to issue Holtec an exemption from 10 CFR 2.109(b) does not constitute approval of the subsequent license renewal application that Holtec intends to submit by March 24, 2028. Rather, this exemption provides that if Holtec submits an application by March 24, 2028, and the application is sufficient for docketing, the licensee will receive timely renewal protection under 10 CFR 2.109(b) while the NRC evaluates that application. Should the application be docketed, the NRC will provide an opportunity for the public to seek a hearing and will review the application using its normal license renewal review processes and standards to determine whether the application meets all applicable regulatory requirements.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated: February 10, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Division of New and Renewed Licenses, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-352; NRC 2026-0859]

Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1; License Amendment Application; Partial Withdrawal by Applicant

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of Constellation Energy Generation, LLC (Constellation, the licensee) to withdraw the portion of its application dated August 8, 2025, as supplemented by letter dated August 15, 2025, that proposed an amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-39. The licensee withdrew its request to modify the facility technical specifications to allow a one-time extension to performing the containment integrated leakage rate test, which is required to be performed every 15 years.

DATES: This document was published in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-0859 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-2026-0859. 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.

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Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0489; email: Audrey.Klett@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC has granted Constellation's request dated January 30, 2026 (ADAMS Accession No. ML26030A249), to withdraw the portions of its application dated August 8, 2025 (non-public), as supplemented by letter dated August 15, 2025 (ADAMS Accession No. ML25227A183), that are applicable to Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-39 for the Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1, located in Limerick, Pennsylvania. The licensee's supplement dated August 15, 2025, is a publicly available version of the application dated August 8, 2025, which contains personally identifiable information.

The licensee requested the NRC to modify the facility technical specifications to allow a one-time extension to performing the containment integrated leakage rate test, which is required to be performed every 15 years. The portions of the request that are applicable to Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-85 for the Limerick Generating Station, Unit 2, have not been withdrawn.

A notice of consideration of issuance and proposed no significant hazards consideration determination for the license amendment request was published in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 61169) on December 30, 2025.

Dated: February 13, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Audrey Klett,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2025-2161]

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

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing public notice each week, for four consecutive weeks, of receipt and availability of an application for an early site permit (ESP) from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the Belews Creek site located in Stokes County, North Carolina.

DATES: February 18, 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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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 part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," an application for an ESP for the Belews Creek site located in Stokes County, North Carolina. By issuance of **Federal Register** notice of Receipt and Availability on January 7, 2026, (91 FR 542), and in ADAMS under Accession No. ML25352A121, the staff also

acknowledged receipt of the application.

In accordance with subpart A of 10 CFR part 52, "Early Site Permits," an applicant may seek an ESP separate from the filing of an application for a construction permit (CP) or combined license (COL). The ESP process allows resolution of issues relating to siting. At any time during the period of an ESP, the ESP holder may reference the ESP in an application for a CP or COL. These notices are being provided in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.43(a)(3).

A subsequent **Federal Register** notice will be published addressing the acceptability of the tendered ESP application for docketing and provisions for participation of the public in the ESP process.

Dated: January 29, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michelle Hayes,

Chief, Licensing and Regulatory Infrastructure Branch, Division of New and Renewed Licenses, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2024-531]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* February 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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