

being established to preside over the following proceeding:

NUFUELS, INC. (Crownpoint Uranium Project In-Situ Recovery Facility)

NuFuels, Inc. (NuFuels) seeks to renew source and byproduct materials license number SUA-1580, which authorizes NuFuels to operate the Crownpoint Uranium Project In-Situ Recovery Facility in McKinley County, New Mexico. If granted, the renewed license would authorize NuFuels to operate the facility, which has not been constructed, for 20 years beyond the date of such approval. In response to a notice filed in the **Federal Register** announcing the opportunity to request a hearing, *see* 91 FR 31,476 (May 27, 2026), the State of New Mexico filed a hearing request on July 27, 2026.

The Board is comprised of the following Administrative Judges:

Michael M. Gibson, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dr. David A. Smith, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dr. Sue H. Abreu, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed in accordance with the NRC E-Filing rule. *See* 10 CFR 2.302.

Rockville, Maryland.

Dated: August 3, 2026.

Edward R. Hawkens,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Belews Creek; Notice of Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Early site permit application; notice of uncontested hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing public notice for an uncontested hearing on NRC staff's review of the early site permit (ESP) application, from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, (Duke Energy) for the Belews Creek Site located in Sauratown Township, Stokes County,

and Belews Creek Township, Forsyth County, North Carolina.

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for September 17, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time (ET) at the Ronald W Reagan Building (Administration Building) 1014 Main Street, Hwy 89, Danbury, NC 27016.

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](https://www.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 Belews Creek ESP application is available in ADAMS under Package Accession No. ML25364A004. A copy of the application is also available for public inspection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/advanced/who-were-working-with/applicant-projects/dukeenergy>.

- **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. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emmanuel Sayoc, telephone: 301-415-4084; email: Emmanuel.Sayoc@nrc.gov; or Kodaran Anand, telephone: 301-287-0767; email: Kodaran.Anand@nrc.gov. Both are staff of Office of Advanced Reactors at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

By letter dated December 30, 2025 (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML25364A004), Duke Energy submitted to the NRC, the ESP application, in accordance with the requirements contained in part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," Subpart A, "Early Site Permits." Duke Energy is seeking this ESP to approve the Belews Creek site for the potential deployment of multiple advanced nuclear reactors. Because a specific reactor technology has not yet been selected, the ESP application uses the Plant Parameter Envelope (PPE) approach. The PPE approach combines information from reactor vendors whose technologies are under consideration to define a bounding surrogate facility. It identifies the maximum or minimum values for key plant parameters across the candidate technologies, and these bounding values are used as inputs to the analyses supporting the ESP application, which is currently under NRC review.

Pursuant to Section 189a. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission Policy Statement on Mandatory Hearings for Reactor Licensing (published in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 2026, at 91 FR 34661), notice is hereby given that the uncontested (*i.e.*, mandatory) hearing will be held on September 17, 2026, starting at 5 p.m. (ET) in the Ronald W Reagan Building (Administration Building) 1014 Main Street, Hwy 89, Danbury, NC 27016. Members of the public are invited to attend this hearing. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and provide feedback on the ESP application. This is not an opportunity to request a contested hearing, where petitioners can file intervention requests that contain the contentions they wish to litigate pursuant to 10 CFR 2.309. The opportunity to request a contested hearing and petition for leave to intervene was noticed on February 9, 2026 (91 FR 5787) and no intervention petitions were received.

An open house will be held before the hearing begins, from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., to give the public an opportunity to speak with the NRC staff. The hearing will then convene at 5 p.m. and begin with a presentation by the NRC staff that will explain the review process and provide a brief overview of the application, followed by a comment period of up to 3 hours. During the comment period, the public will be provided an opportunity to speak on the

record. Each member of the public will be allowed to speak for no more than 5 minutes at a time to ensure that all stakeholders who wish to provide oral comments or ask questions will have the opportunity to do so.

The hearing record for comments will remain open until October 1, 2026. Written comments must be submitted via the following email address: BelewsCreekESP-Hearing@nrc.gov. In order to be included in the hearing record, written comments must be received by October 1, 2026. The NRC staff will not consider comments or questions received via other means or after the deadline of October 1, 2026. The NRC staff will treat any comments or questions received consistent with the Commission Policy Statement on Mandatory Hearings for Reactor Licensing.

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

Dated: August 4, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michelle Hayes,

*Chief, Advanced Reactor Licensing Branch
2, Division of Advanced Reactor Licensing,
Office of Advance Reactors.*

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[Docket ID: OPM–2024–0004]

Privacy Act of 1974; Re-Established Matching Program

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of a re-established matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–108, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of the re-establishment of a matching program between OPM and the Social Security Administration (SSA) under Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) No. 1071. The purpose of this matching program is to enable SSA to disclose Title II Social Security benefit information to OPM for use in determining eligibility for, and computing, Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) benefits payable to disability annuitants and survivor annuitants as required by law.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before September 8, 2026. The matching program will begin on October 27, 2026, unless OPM receives comments from

interested members of the public that require modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the beginning date and may be extended for an additional 12 months if the respective agency Data Integrity Boards determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(D) have been met.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> without change, which will include any personal identifiers submitted with the comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Morgan, Retirement Services, by email at Lisa.Morgan@opm.gov or by mail at Lisa Morgan, Retirement Services, Room 6500, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–503) amended the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing procedural safeguards governing agencies' use of computerized matching programs. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 further amended the Privacy Act by strengthening protections for individuals whose records are used in matching programs.

Notice is given of a re-established matching program between OPM and SSA. This matching program, Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) No. 1071, is being re-established to enable SSA to disclose Title II Social Security benefit information to OPM. OPM will compare this information with its retirement records to determine eligibility for, and compute, certain disability and survivor benefits payable under FERS, including statutory offsets required by law.

Participating Agencies

OPM and SSA.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The legal authorities for conducting this matching program are 5 U.S.C. 8442(f), 8443(a), 8452(a)(2)(A), and 8461(h)(1). The legal authority for SSA's disclosures under this agreement is section 1106 of the Social Security Act

(42 U.S.C. 1306) and section 7213(a) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (42 U.S.C. 405 note). SSA's disclosures are also in accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this matching program is to enable SSA to disclose Title II Social Security benefit information to OPM for comparison with OPM's records on disability annuitants, child survivor annuitants, and spousal survivor annuitants whose benefits are subject to statutory offset requirements. OPM will compare the benefit information provided by SSA with its retirement records to determine eligibility for, and compute, disability and survivor benefits payable under FERS in accordance with statutory offset requirements.

Categories of Individuals

Individuals whose information is involved in this matching program include: (1) Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) disability annuitants who may receive Social Security disability insurance benefits; (2) FERS child survivor annuitants who may receive Social Security child's insurance benefits; and (3) FERS surviving spouses who may be eligible for a FERS Supplementary Annuity based on their entitlement to, or eligibility for, certain Title II Social Security benefits. OPM submits identifying information for these individuals to SSA, and compares the returned Title II benefit information with its retirement records to determine eligibility for, and compute, benefits payable under FERS.

Categories of Records

OPM will provide SSA with an (1) individual's full name, (2) Social Security number (SSN), (3) date of birth, and the (4) State Verification and Exchange System (SVES) indicator required to retrieve Title II benefit information from SSA's Master Beneficiary Record (MBR). SSA will verify the SSN using its Enumeration System. When the SSN verifies, SSA will disclose Title II beneficiary status and associated benefit information from the MBR through SVES. When the SSN does not verify, SSA will return a code identifying the reason for the non-match.

System(s) of Records

OPM's system of records involved in this matching program is OPM/Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records, published at 73 FR