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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON REVISED GUIDELINES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on three draft documents containing guidance for nuclear power plant licensees in submitting applications to the agency for renewal of plant operating licenses.

The draft documents are intended to apply lessons learned from earlier license renewal reviews and analyses of the effects of aging on plant systems, and to clarify the agency's expectations regarding information to be submitted in renewal applications. The NRC staff will hold a public workshop March 2 at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md., to discuss the draft documents and receive additional public comment.

The draft documents are 1) Draft Regulatory Guide 1140, "Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses"; 2) a revision of NUREG-1800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants"; and 3) a revision of NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report."

The documents are available on the NRC's Web site at this address: http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/guidance/updated-guidance.html .

The public workshop will be held March 2, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Conference Room (O-1F16) at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate throughout the workshop.

Public comments will be accepted through March 30 and should be addressed to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to NRCREP@nrc.gov .

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