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TO: NRC

RE: 20 YEAR EXTENSION OF REACTOR LIFE for 85% of USA's REACTORS
USING GENERIC GUIDELINESComments by Alice Hirt
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I am totally opposed to the NRC's proposal to make "generic" the guidelines for reactor license renewal. Each plant is a separate entity and has its own unique set of problems and construction differences. Each plant has aged differently due to a multiplicity of reasons such as fuel burnup rates, numbers of scrams, construction and repairs, employee input, environment, building materials and maintenance. On site, dry cask storage of high-level nuclear waste under a generic license has been a disaster. Relicensing reactors under generic guidelines would be not only disastrous but also dangerous to the safety of the public, which the NRC is supposed to safeguard first and foremost! Generic relicensing would amount to an abrogation of the NRC's responsibility to safeguard the health and safety of the public.

Furthermore, generic relicensing totally leaves out public input. These power plants are in our backyards and we deserve to have a voice in the process of determining if a reactor should have its license renewed or not!!!!

I also urge you to extend the deadline for public comment on this proposal. This proposal is far too important to allow such a short period of time for public comment.

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