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Having directly been involved with the design and installation of nuclear power plants I can testify that the original design was never intended to operate beyond a 40 year life. Operating these plants beyond the design life is clearly an experiment in stress and corrosion analysis, cycling fatigue and resulting fatigue failure. The granting of operating licenses to extend the life of a nuclear power plant within close proximity of densely populated area is analogous to playing Russian rRoulette with the health and safety of the public.

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