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NRC Finalizes Guidance for Subsequent License Renewals

The NRC has published guidance documents for both submitting and reviewing applications to renew operating licenses of plants that have already renewed their licenses, a process referred to as subsequent license renewal.

These documents include the Generic Aging Lessons Learned for Subsequent License Renewal Report and the Standard Review Plan for Review of Subsequent License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants. The aging lessons learned report outlines an acceptable approach for applicants to demonstrate adequate management of plant aging effects. The standard review plan guides the NRC staff on performing safety reviews of these applications.

Guidance documents are available at the Guidance for License Renewal and Subsequent License Renewal page on the NRC website.

The NRC developed these guidance documents over several years in preparation for reviewing subsequent license renewal applications. NRC staff held more than 25 public meetings to gather stakeholders' perspectives. The guidance documents also include significant input from the License Renewal Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, as well as from the full committee.

The NRC staff plans to publish two more documents before the end of 2017. These additional documents lay out the technical bases for changes to the guidance documents and the staff's response to public comments received during the public comment period.