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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Statement to Stakeholders

The NRC's three Commissioners recently released a [joint statement](#) expressing their alignment and commitment to working collegially to lead the agency. Consistent with recent White House [Executive Orders](#) and the bi-partisan [ADVANCE Act](#), the NRC is taking bold steps to embrace innovation, accelerate licensing timelines, and modernize the regulatory framework. Recent actions and accomplishments include:

- Adopted innovative approaches to complete recent new reactor reviews ahead of schedule and under budget, updating schedules for ongoing new reactor and license renewal reviews to reflect the 18- and 12-month deadlines detailed in EO 14300. For example, NRC recently established an 18-month review for Dow's Project Long Mott advanced reactor design, set a 17-month review for a construction permit for Tennessee Valley Authority's Clinch River small modular reactor, and accelerated the construction permit review of TerraPower's Kemmerer Power Station by 6 months.
- Published the fiscal year 2025 final fee rule reducing hourly rates for advanced nuclear reactor applicants and pre-applicants for certain activities, as required by Section 201 of the ADVANCE Act.
- Provided direction on factory fuel loading of micro-reactors, resolving key policy issues for micro-reactor deployment.
- Issued service life extensions for VC Summer and Perry Nuclear plants, ahead of schedule and under budget. Altogether we've renewed operating licenses for 97 reactors and approved second extended licenses for 13 more—preserving 2,200 years of reactor operating capacity to meet the country's energy needs.
- Published a direct final rule in the Federal Register to extend Design Certification durations from 15 to 40 years.
- Refocused ACRS reviews to concentrate on only novel and noteworthy issues.

Today's NRC remains focused on protecting public health and safety while efficiently regulating the civilian use of nuclear materials and enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. We look forward to working with all stakeholders, and meeting this moment with the urgency it demands and the unity it deserves, while continuing to set the standard as a world class regulator.