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RE: GALL Rulemaking

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to the NRC's rulemaking on Generic Aging Lessons Learned.

It is my understanding that with the adoption of this rulemaking, the public will not have the opportunity to comment on any of the "generic" issues covered under GALL at the time a particular nuclear power plant applies for relicensing. Additionally, I understand that thorough inspections will not be undertaken for issues covered under GALL.

Although there are times when it is appropriate to streamline unnecessary regulations and save costs, nuclear power plant relicensure is not one of those times. In fact, streamlining the regulatory process in this instance could significantly impact the public safety. For example, when Yankee Rowe, a plant with one of the country's better safety records, applied for relicensure, numerous safety issues came up that resulted in the plant's early decommissioning. Although the nuclear industry would like to avoid that type of negative result from relicensure, that is precisely the type of situation that makes the full application process necessary. When generic issues are taken off the table, there is a greater chance that unsafe plants will be relicensed.

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