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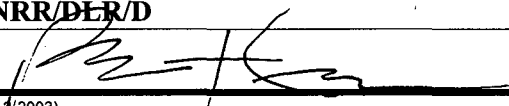
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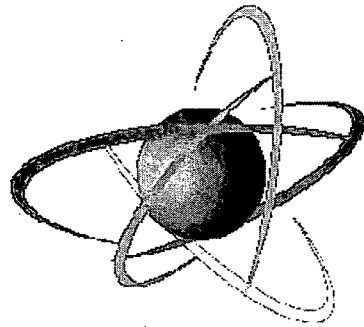
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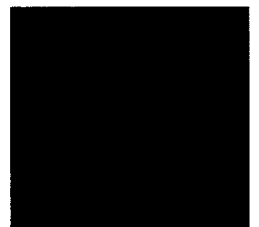


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Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Process Overview





NRC Regulatory Oversight

- NRC's governing statutes
 - Atomic Energy Act
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- NRC's mission
 - Protect public health and safety
 - Promote common defense and security
 - Protect environment





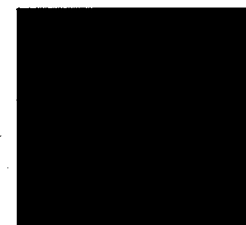
License Renewal Review

➤ Safety review

- Focus is on the effects of aging of components and structures important to plant safety
- Review to determine if aging effects will be effectively managed

➤ Environmental review

- Considers, analyzes, and discloses environmental impacts of continued plant operation for an additional 20 years
- Review to determine if the environmental impacts of license renewal are so great that license renewal would be unreasonable





Ongoing Regulatory Oversight

- Emergency planning
 - 10 CFR 50.47

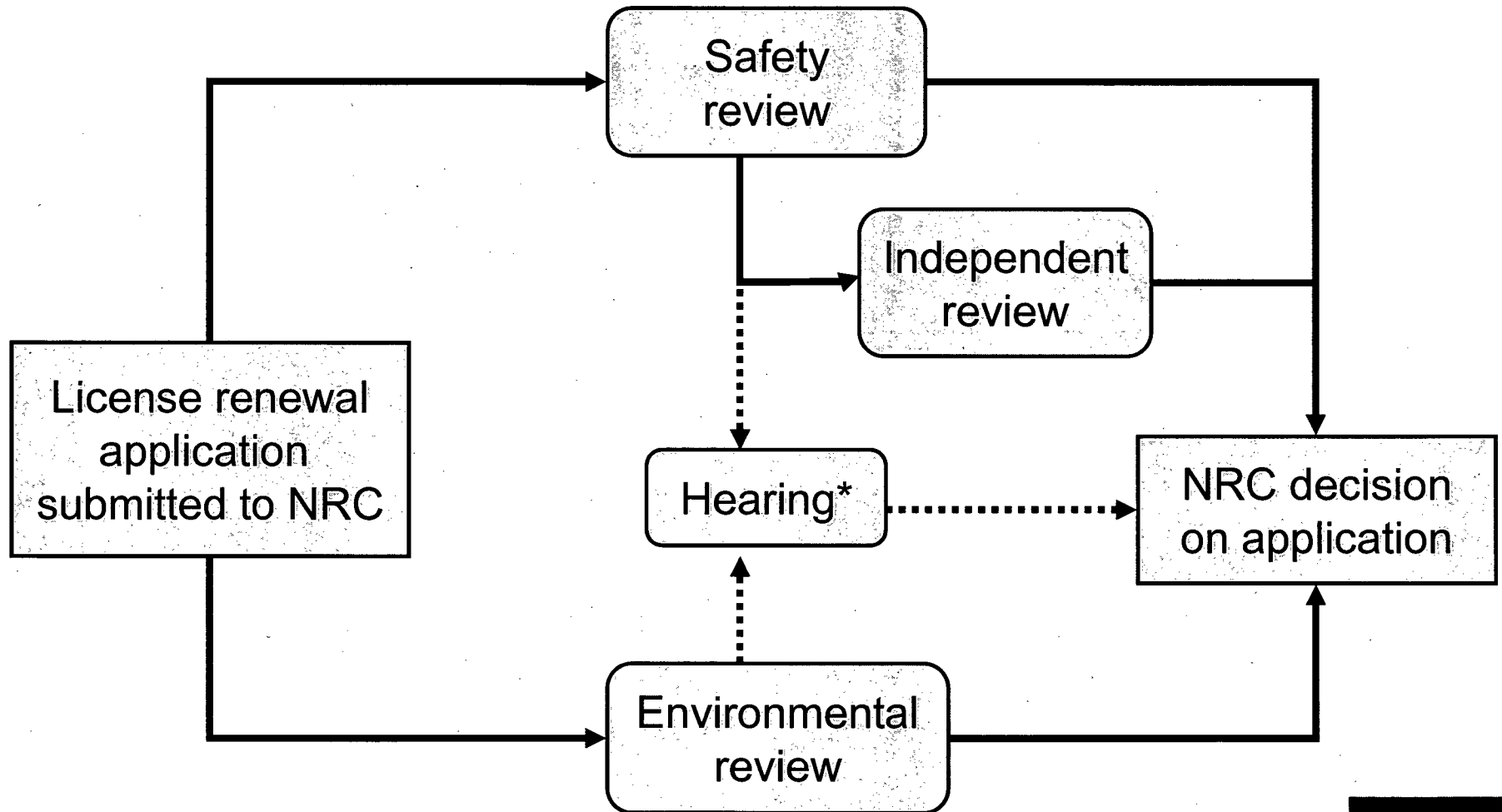
- Security
 - 10 CFR Part 73

- Current safety performance

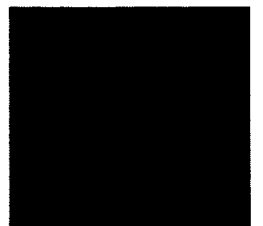




License Renewal Process



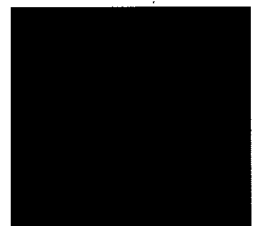
* If a request for hearing is granted





License Renewal Safety Principles

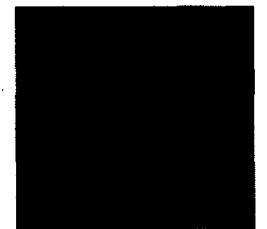
- The ongoing regulatory process is adequate to ensure the safety of all currently operating plants
- The same plant licensing basis continues during the renewal term
 - With additional requirement for aging management





Safety Review (10 CFR Part 54)

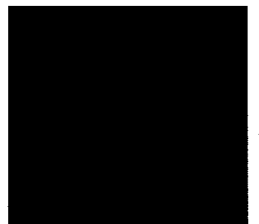
- **Safety review by NRC staff**
 - Review application and supporting documentation
 - On-site audits
 - Issue Safety Evaluation Report
- **On-site inspections by NRC staff**
- **Independent review by Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)**





Environmental Review (10 CFR Part 51)

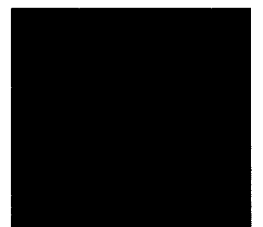
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Informs federal decision making
 - Public disclosure of environmental impacts
- NRC's environmental regulations
 - 10 CFR Part 51
- NRC prepares Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)





Typical Milestones

- Receive license renewal application (Month 0)
- Publish Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Month 2)
- Conduct Environmental Scoping meeting (Month 3)
- Conduct Draft Environmental Impact Statement meeting (Month 12)
- Issue Safety Evaluation Report, identifying open items (Month 13)
- Issue Safety Evaluation Report and Environmental Impact Statement (Month 18)
- Complete Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards safety review (Month 20)





Opportunities for Public Involvement

- Opportunity for hearing
- License renewal process overview meeting
- Environmental Scoping meeting
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement meeting
- Safety review meeting (if needed)
- Inspection results meeting
- Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards meeting on safety review





Final Agency Decision

- Commission considers
 - Safety review conclusions
 - Environmental Impact Statement
 - License renewal inspection conclusions
 - Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards recommendations
 - Hearing process outcome, if hearing is conducted
- Typical license renewal decision
 - 22 months, without hearing
 - 30 months, if hearing is conducted

