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The NRC has established a license renewal process that can be completed in a reasonable period of time with clear requirements to assure safe plant operation for up to an additional 20 years of plant life. Additional information on the license renewal process can be found at the following NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal.html>.

Public participation is an important part of the license renewal process. There are several opportunities for members of the public to question how aging will be managed during the period of extended operation. Information provided by the licensee is made available to the public in a variety of ways. Shortly after the NRC receives a renewal application, a public meeting is normally held near the nuclear power plant to provide the public information about the license renewal process and opportunities for public involvement, and to solicit input on the scope of NRC's environmental review. Additional public meetings are held by the NRC during the review of the renewal application and NRC evaluations, findings and recommendations are published when completed. All public meetings are posted on NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve.html>.

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