

April, 2010 Posting of Preliminary Draft GALL Report

To increase staff effectiveness, the staff is updating the license renewal guidance documents. This update includes a multi-phased approach to improving NUREG-1800, "Standard Review Plan for License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants" (SRP-LR) and NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report."

This update process will increase license renewal review efficiency by incorporating 'lessons learned' from approved staff positions (based on interim staff guidance and staff-approved precedents from the review of previous license renewal applications), updating aging management programs, and correcting errors in the documents released in 2005.

The NRC is developing a preliminary draft of the GALL Report for public view prior to publishing a formal proposed revision for public comment in early May 2010.

The NRC is making a preliminary draft of the GALL Report available on this NRC public website (<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/guidance/updated-guidance.html>). The staff intends to post updates periodically to this Web site that may be of interest to stakeholders. Although this preliminary draft reflects a work in progress (the document is still undergoing staff revision), they provide an indication of the status of the update project. A public workshop is scheduled for May 26 - 28, 2010 at NRC headquarters to discuss the drafts of SRP-LR and the GALL Report issued for formal public comment. NRC will distribute a meeting announcement to publicize the time and location of this meeting.

The intention of this April, 2010 posting is to provide a preliminary draft of the license renewal guidance draft document to maximize the available time for stakeholder review of the proposed changes prior to the May, 2010 workshop. This will increase the ability of stakeholders to participate effectively during the May, 2010 workshop. This approach is consistent with the NRC strategy to obtain early public involvement on issues most likely to generate substantial interest and promote two-way communication to enhance public confidence in the NRC's regulatory processes and to actively engage the public before actions are taken. This is also consistent with the strategy to maintain and update the NRC's external Web site with timely, user-friendly information.

The official revision of the SRP-LR and GALL documents (Revision 2) is currently scheduled to be published prior to 12/31/2010.

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