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The Monticello nuclear power station submitted a license renewal application for a second 20-year period in Minnesota. Xcel Energy is seeking the approval of a Site-Specific Environmental Impact Statement. Monticello's current operating license expires September 8, 2030. The nuclear plant will then be 60 years old. This extension seeks to increase its operating license from 60 to 80 years. Monticello's design is a General Electric Mark I Boiling Water Reactor (BWR), identical to the Japanese reactors that melted down after the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami knocked out all electrical power to keep the reactor cores cool.

This nuclear power station should not be allowed to operate after 60 years. Too many components become brittle and fragile.

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