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# **Alice in License-Renewal Land: Through the NON-Looking Glass**

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## **Time Warp**

**March 5, 1946: Winston Churchill talks about  
the Iron Curtain**

**54 years later, passport is needed to leave teh  
United States of America and journey behind  
the Ironic Curtain into NRC License-Renewal  
Land**

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**1995 - NRC revises license renewal rule to eliminate requirement for applicant to prove conformance with current design and licensing bases**

**1996 - *TIME* reports that Millstone operated for many, many, years outside its design bases.**

**1997 - Nine US nuclear plants closed entire year due to design and licensing bases violations.**

**2000 - NRC charges forward with 1995 rule, pretending that 1996-1997 did not occur**

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**04/07/98: BG&E filed for application**

**07/08/98: 30-day public comment period opened**

**08/07/98: 30-day public comment period ended**

**08/20/98: BG&E reported receiving only 5 of 37  
request for additional information from NRC**

**09/17/98: BG&E submits first of at least 47  
supplements to applications**

**02/04/99: BG&E submits 13-page errata sheet for  
application**

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**Nov. 99 - NEI requests meeting with NRC on shortening the review process**

**12/6/99 - NRC conducts meeting requested by NEI**

**12/6/99 - UCS requests meeting with NRC on safety issues of review process; NRC says they might be able to squeeze in a meeting in August 2000**

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- 1 - NRC cannot ignore reality of Millstone, Salem, D C Cook, Vermont Yankee, et al and continue to blindly assume conformance with design and licensing bases**
  - 2 NRC cannot “give” public 30 days to review an incomplete and inaccurate application**
  - 3 NRC cannot continue to put economic viability of the nuclear industry ahead of safety**