



Design Certification Renewal

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Application for Renewal

- Any person may apply for renewal of a design certification
- If renewal applicant is not the same entity that applied for the original design certification, then new applicant must demonstrate that it has the capability to provide the detailed design
- Notice and comment procedures must be used for a rulemaking proceeding on the application for renewal

Timing & Duration

- Application must be submitted between 12 and 36 months prior to initial expiration
- Initial certification remains in effect if timely application for renewal is submitted
- Standard design certifications can be renewed for additional 10-15 years

[Criteria for Renewal]

- NRC will issue a renewed design certification if the design complies with the Atomic Energy Act and NRC regulations applicable and in effect at the time the certification was **originally** issued
- The Commission may impose new requirements if they meet the renewal backfit criteria

[Amendments at Renewal]

- Applicant for renewal may request amendments to the design certification
- NRC shall grant the amendment request if amendment will comply with the Atomic Energy Act and NRC regulations in effect at the time of renewal
- If amendment request entails extensive changes to the design certification, an application for a new design certification must be filed

[Next Steps]

- Meet with prospective design certification renewal applicants
- Develop renewal application and review guidance with stakeholder input
- Establish infrastructure for handling renewal applications
