## NRC Commissioner Briefing on Subsequent License Renewal

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### **Today's Briefing**

- Second License Renewal Bridge to the Future
- Key Safety Principles Maintained
- Process Optimization
- Moving Forward

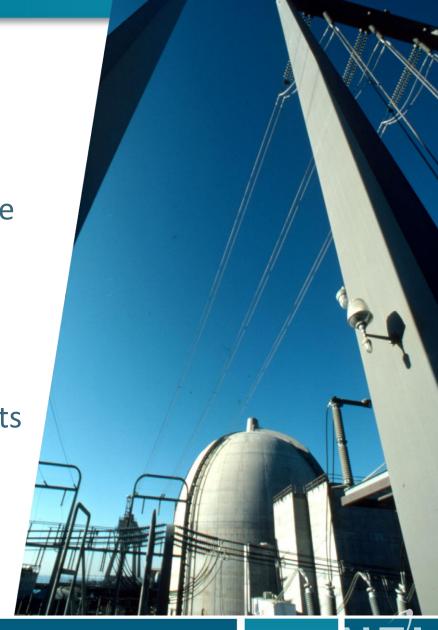






# Nuclear Plants Are Critical Infrastructure

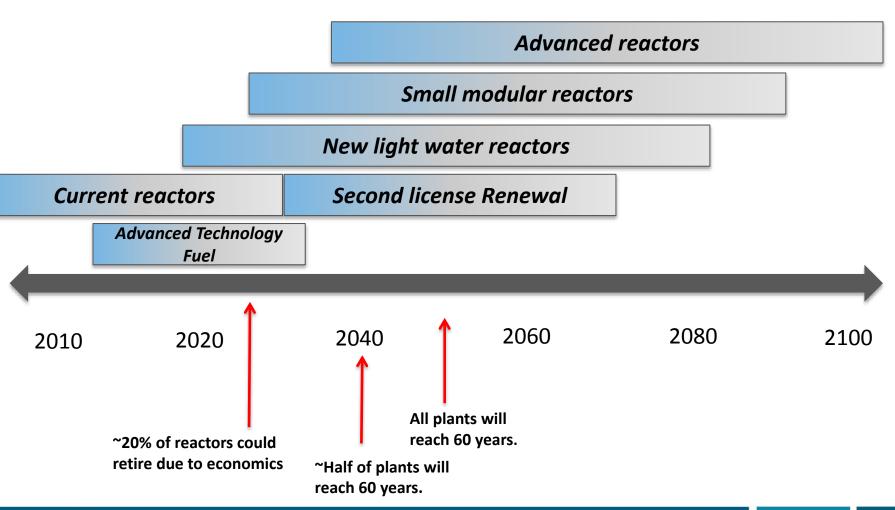
- U.S. has the largest and best-run fleet of nuclear power plants in the world
- Generate 20% of America's electricity overall; 62% of emissions-free electricity
- Like other infrastructure, nuclear plants provide tremendous benefits for nearly a century
- Nuclear energy needs to be included in any plan to rebuild America







### **Defining Our Future: A Logical Progression**





#### **Key Principles for License Renewal**

- Current regulatory process is adequate to ensure that the licensing basis of all operating plants provides and maintains an acceptable level of safety so that operation will not be detrimental to public health and safety or common defense and security
- Each plant's licensing basis is required to be maintained during any renewal term in the same manner and to the same extent as during the original licensing term

#### Regulation is Sound

- 10 CFR Part 54 anticipates further rounds of License Renewal
- Existing regulatory processes ensure safe operation
  - 10 CFR 50, Appendix B
  - Aging Management Programs
  - Maintenance Rule
  - Reactor Oversight Process
  - Design basis is maintained
- Process proven through experience, 86 with renewed license,
   42 reactor units in PEO (approx. 128 reactor years in PEO)
- Reliable, predictable process



#### **Regulatory Guidance is Sound**

- Significant Industry input to NRC as SLR GALL report was prepared over the last three years
  - Comprehensive industry comments submitted on the draft GALL in February, 2016
  - Industry participated in nine GALL-focused public meetings with NRC in 2016 to resolve industry comments
- Final SLR GALL Report provided for stakeholder review Feb. 8
- NEI/industry completed development of NEI 17-01 guidance for preparing a license renewal application and submitted for NRC endorsement in March
- Part 54 Environmental Review
  - Draft "Model SLR New and Significant Assessment Approach for SAMA" submitted to NRC to improve Environmental Review Process



#### **SLR Research**

- Research and data being collected at EPRI, DOE and other facilities in U.S. conclude there are no technical "show stoppers" for operation beyond 60 years
- NRC has participated in seven NEI organized SLR site visits since 2015
  - Salem/Hope Creek Station, Oak Ridge National Lab, EPRI, Pacific Northwest National Lab, AREVA, Westinghouse and University of Tennessee
  - Site tours and presentation focused on aging management programs for concrete, cables and metal

#### **SLR Application Optimization**

- Industry participated in three public meetings with NRC
- Commitment to 18-month safety and environmental application review
- Application of lessons learned from first round of License Renewal to improve application efficiency
  - Improved resource allocation and schedule coordination
  - Increased use of electronic communication tools
  - Elimination of redundancy scoping meeting
  - Peer reviewed applications and RAI discipline
- Final meeting to address SLR application optimization on May 11

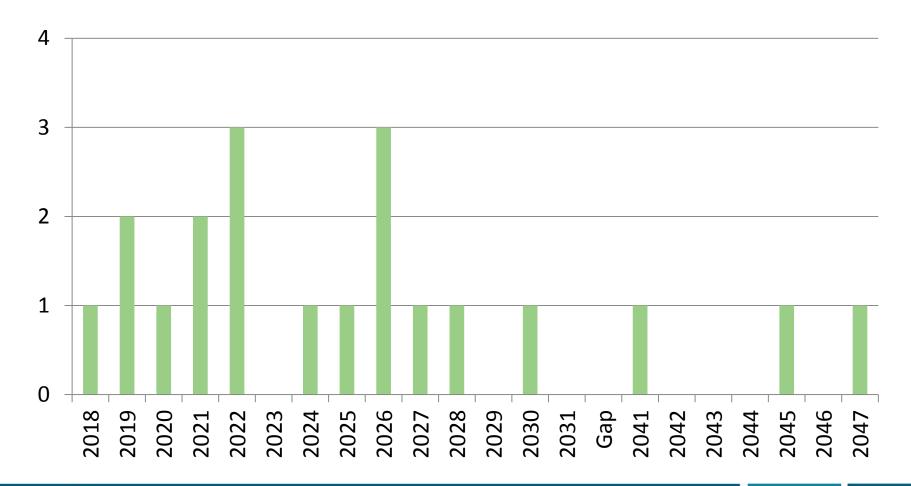


#### **SLR Lead Plant Update**

- Peach Bottom on track for BWR application submittal 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018
- Surry Station on track for PWR application submittal 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019
- Industry aligned in commitment to dedicating resources needed for success of lead plant SLR applications
- Industry survey conducted in May 2016 to determine how many plants may take advantage of SLR in the future



#### **Anticipated SLR Applications Per Year**







#### **Summary**

- Technical data and research of aging management programs support SLR
- SLR GALL incorporates lessons learned from first round of license renewals
- NRC committed to optimizing application review process to accomplish an 18-month review
- Lead plants on track for 2018 and 2019 application submittals
- SLR applications must be of the highest quality to ensure 18-month NRC review goal can be met
- Plant safety is and will be maintained throughout licensed period

