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NRC UPDATES AGING MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT FOR REVIEWING REACTOR LICENSE RENEWAL REQUESTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the second revision of its Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report, a key document in the agency's process for reviewing applications to renew reactor operating licenses.

The report's revisions stem from lessons learned since the first revision in 2005. Updates were made to all of the existing aging management programs. Several new aging management programs were added to the GALL Report, for example a new program covering buried pipes and tanks.

The GALL Report catalogs the structures and components found in a nuclear power plant. NRC reviewers use the report's matrix of materials and environments, as well as aging effects and mechanisms, to judge whether a plant's aging management program is acceptable.

The NRC staff asked for public input during the revision process, and considered these comments in the final report. As part of this process, the NRC also revised the Standard Review Plan it uses for license renewal applications based on the GALL report revisions and lessons learned during previous license renewals.

The revised GALL Report is available online from the NRC's electronic document database, ADAMS. It can be retrieved by entering ML103490041, in the ADAMS search engine at this Web address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>. For more information on the schedule and background on guidance visit the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/guidance/updated-guidance.html>.

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