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NRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF DESIGN CERTIFICATION RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTOR

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced today that an application from GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy requesting a 15-year renewal of the design certification for the Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) is available for public review.

The NRC certified the ABWR in 1997 as being acceptable for use in the United States. A design certification is valid for 15 years and can be renewed for an additional 10 to 15 years.

GE-Hitachi submitted the renewal application on Dec. 7, 2010. It will be available on the NRC website at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert.html>.

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial check of the application to determine whether it contains enough information for the required formal review. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally “doCKET,” or file, the application.

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