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NRC ACCEPTS TOSHIBA APPLICATION TO RENEW CERTIFICATION FOR ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTOR DESIGN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has accepted for review an application requesting a 15-year renewal of the design certification for the Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR).

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. Toshiba Corporation submitted the renewal application on Nov. 2. The application is available on the NRC website at this address:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert/renewal-abwr.html>.

Docketing the ABWR renewal application does not indicate whether the Commission will approve or reject the request. The NRC has established docket number 52-044 for this application. More information about the new reactor licensing process is available on the NRC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors.html>.

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