

**From:** Orf, Tracy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 12:23 PM  
**To:** marvlewis@juno.com  
**Subject:** Re: why have 63 NPPs been cancelled?

Dear Mr. Lewis,

In answer to your question, the NRC licenses and regulates the Nation's civilian use of radioactive materials to protect public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment. To the extent that an individual organization's purposes in applying for a license or withdrawing its application do not affect this mission, the NRC does not delve into the reasoning behind those decisions, or require an explanation from the licensee. The Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 left the development of nuclear power to the Department of Energy (DOE), and DOE would be more likely to have information on development trends within the nuclear power industry.

Thank you for contacting the NRC, and please let me know if I could be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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