# Proposed Changes to Environmental Impact Assessments for License Renewal



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#### Perspective

- The license renewal process has proven thorough, well-reasoned and effective
- 1996 GEIS has improved the efficiency of the license renewal process
- Focus the GEIS updating on what is needed to enhance efficiency, transparency and practicality



#### **Proposed Changes**

- New issues are being added; some existing issues are being combined
- Some issues do not include a clearly articulated legal and regulatory basis
- A meaningful opportunity to comment requires that an agency fully disclose its basis for the action/proposal.



#### **Proposed Rule**

- Recommend reclassification of four issues from Category 2 to Category 1 and removal of two issues
- Proposed combining of issues resulted in unintended reclassification of some issues
- Opportunity to enhance leveraging on issues that are regulated by state and other federal regulatory agencies



### **Draft Regulatory Guide**

- Assure consistency between the final rule and regulatory guide
- Descriptions and discussion in the environmental report for Category 1 issues should be limited to new and significant information only
- Guidance should employ a graded approach in regard to the level of detail



## **Implementation Timing**

Final rule should allow at least 18 months from the date of the publication of the final rule for implementation of new format

 NEI will sponsor a workshop on the changes once adopted to enhance consistent and efficient implementation

