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**The End Game- Rules, Licenses,
and Mandatory Hearings**

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- What is it?

The period of time in the Part 52 licensing process that commences with the submittal of the final revision to a COL application and ends with the completion of any necessary hearings



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- Why is it normally complicated?

Start with a regulatory process that has never been tried before. Add a period of time that requires the coordination and issuance of many regulatory documents that define the regulatory basis. Then use a very compressed timeline to complete the following:

1. Final Safety Evaluation
2. Final Environmental Impact Statement
3. Actual license for the facility, including final technical specifications
4. Staff testimony for the mandatory hearing
5. Pre-hearing and post-hearing questions
6. Staff testimony for contested hearings, if any

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- How do we make the process more challenging?
- Part 52 permits combined applications to reference design certifications under review
- Part 52 requires the completion of the design certification process before a combined license can be issued

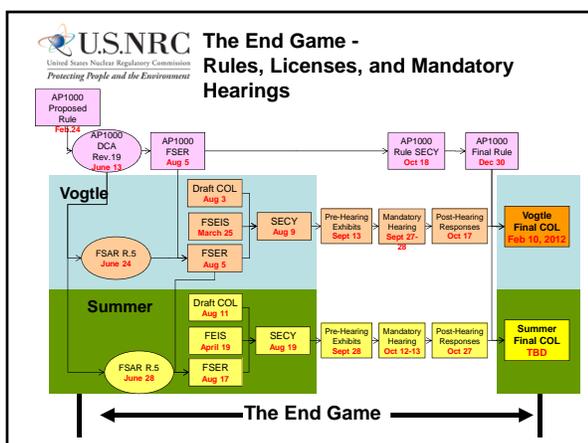
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- How do we make the process even more challenging?

Find 2 applicants who are committed to building nuclear plants upon receipt of their combined licenses.

Have 2 applicants reference the same certification application under review

Establish a goal that the combined licenses will be completed before the end of 2011.





The End Game

- What did we learn?
 1. Need for planning well in advance
 2. Extensive management involvement
 3. Thank heaven for standardization!!!!
 4. Strong Design Center working group essential
 5. Communication critical to success
 6. Part 52 works!!!!
