BWRX-300 Licensing: **Elevating NRC** Safety and Efficiency Through Risk-Informed **Decision-Making**

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BWRX-300 Roadmap GE VERNOVA BWRX-300 is ready to deploy now! **BWRX-300 BWRX-300** BWRX-300 BWRX-300 Design **ESBWR Licensing Completed** Canadian Deployment **Pre-Licensing** U.S. Deployment 2017-2025 2005-2014 2029 2032 2018-2025 Canada & First Unit First Unit Standard Plant Ready for **Design Certification United States** Commercial Commercial International Deployment **Passive Safety Systems**

BWRX-300 Standard Design implemented to enhance safety, reduce licensing and design cost, optimize individual project schedules and streamline regulatory processes to deploy around the world.

Operation 2029

Operation 2032

Risk-Informed Decision-Making Strategies



Streamlining Regulatory Processes

- •Develop flexible and adaptive regulatory frameworks that integrate probabilistic and deterministic approaches
 - •Classify Generation III+ small modular reactors that are inherently safe and passive as ADVANCED reactors and provide similar regulatory treatment to Generation IV reactors.
 - Facilitate quicker regulatory approvals through streamlined processes.
 - Flexibility to use internationally approved standards
 - Use of technical relevancy approach vs exemptions
 - •Use of practical elimination [CNSC REGDOC 2.5.2 & IAEA SSG-88]

Promoting a Risk-Informed Culture

- •Cultivate a culture within the NRC and the nuclear industry that incorporate deterministic and risk-informed decision-making.
 - Implement training and education programs.
 - •Ensure all stakeholders understand and apply risk-informed principles effectively.
 - Deviate from precedent when it makes sense and issue is not risk significant.