

Table 13 · Timetable Regarding the Potential Restart of Maanshan Reactors

Date	Events
17 May 2025	Nuclear-free homeland day: Taipower closed Maanshan-2 marking Taiwan's transition to a "nuclear-free homeland".
23 May 2025	Legal opening: The Legislative Yuan and the presidential office amended the Nuclear Reactor Facilities Regulation Act, permitting closed reactors to apply for renewed operation.
23 August 2025	Referendum: Taiwanese voters supported the Maanshan referendum by 74% of valid votes, but the proposal failed to meet the 25% turnout threshold.
October 2025	Regulatory framework: The Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC) issued regulations governing post-expiration reactor restarts and review procedures.
27–28 November 2025	Feasibility confirmed: The Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) approved Taipower's feasibility assessments, finding the restart of the Kuosheng and Maanshan plants technically feasible.
28 November 2025	Preparations begin: Taipower launched restart preparations, including self-implemented safety inspections and the development of restart plans.
Late 2025	Technical partnership: Taipower and Westinghouse initiated technical cooperation on equipment aging assessments and peer reviews.
21–22 March 2026	Presidential endorsement: President Lai Ching-te expressed conditional support for nuclear restarts, citing energy resilience, AI-driven demand, and geopolitical concerns.
27 March 2026	Formal application: Taipower submitted the Maanshan license renewal application and restart plan to the NSC.
1 April 2026	Review commences: The NSC initiated substantive review of Taipower's application.
8 April 2026	Procedural clearance: The NSC completed procedural review and formally accepted the application for technical assessment.
28 April 2026	Hengchun briefing: The NSC held a local briefing with residents, officials, NGOs, and other stakeholders to discuss the restart proposal.
26–27 May 2026	Onsite inspection: NSC review teams conducted inspections at the Maanshan plant.
29 May 2026	First technical hearing: The NSC convened the first joint meeting for substantive technical review.
June 2026–present	Parallel review: Taipower continues self-implemented safety inspections while the NSC conducts regulatory review and oversight.
Estimated 2026–2028	Self-implemented safety inspections: Taipower is expected to complete technical evaluations, inspections, and preparatory work.
Estimated 2028–2029	Potential restart: Subject to NSC approval, Taipower could proceed with startup testing and possible commercial operation.