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General Comment

Patents should never be set in stone and should always be subject to legal scrutiny and reevaluation of their validity. It is too difficult to perfectly validate a patent application at issuance time and therefore we should never allow one to be allowed to go without reevaluation in the future, as more data and details come to light.

Patent trolls would otherwise use this ability to "sneak" in a new patent, with minimal scrutiny due to the fact that patents can't be monitored by every possible affected party at all times. When a patent holder then attempts to "enforce" their patent the patent SHOULD still be easily/legally subjected to full evaluation of its validity. If that previously issued patent is found to be invalid it should be able to be invalidated.