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RULEMAKING ISSUE

(NEGATIVE CONSENT)

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SECY-00-0100

FOR: The Commissioners

FROM: William D. Travers
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SUBJECT: INITIATION OF NRR-SPONSORED RULEMAKING CODES AND STANDARDS

PURPOSE:

To obtain Commission approval to proceed with rulemaking to amend 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and Standards," in accordance with the attached rulemaking plan.

DISCUSSION:

NRR requests approval to initiate rulemaking in order to amend NRC regulations in 10 CFR 50.55a to incorporate by reference the following: (1) the 1997 Addenda, the 1998 Edition, the 1999 Addenda, and the 2000 Addenda of Division 1 rules of Section III, "Rules for Construction of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (ASME B&PV Code); (2) the 1997 Addenda, the 1998 Edition, the 1999 Addenda, and the 2000 Addenda of Division 1 rules of Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the ASME B&PV Code; and (3) the 1997 Addenda, the 1998 Edition, the 1999 Addenda, and the 2000 Addenda of the ASME *Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants* (OM Code).

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