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Withdrawal of Request to Use ASME Code-Case N-588

Background

By letter dated January 19, 2001, Entergy Nuclear Generation Company-Pilgrim requested an exemption that would allow Pilgrim's use of ASME Code-Case N-588. This exemption request was submitted in support of a Pilgrim Technical Specification amendment request dated November 22, 2000, concerning pressure-temperature curves.

Withdrawal Request

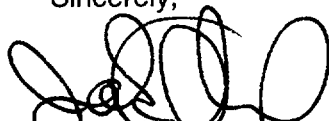
This letter withdraws Pilgrim's January 19, 2001 exemption request that would allow using ASME Code-Case N-588.

Reason for Withdrawal

Pilgrim's limiting reactor vessel welds are axial. Pilgrim's November 22, 2000, amendment request references ASME Code-Case N-588. However, ASME Code-Case N-588 is concerned with circumferential reactor vessel welds, and is, therefore, not essential to the November 22, 2000, amendment request. Telephone discussion between Pilgrim and the NRC staff on February 5, 2001, also indicates that ASME Code-Case N-588 is not essential to the proposed pressure-temperature curves. Therefore, Pilgrim withdraws its exemption request allowing the use of ASME Code-Case N-588.

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