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LICENSING ACTION TASK FORCE  
ASME CODE TASK TEAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the team is to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden by:

1. RELIEF REQUEST STANDARD FORMAT

Developing standardized formats that may be used by licensees on a voluntary basis to prepare plant-specific ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code relief requests for submittal to the NRC pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and Standards," and obtain NRC acceptance of these formats. A standardized format that addresses the content and level of detail needed by the NRC staff should result in improved review efficiencies, fewer NRC requests for additional information, and a reduction in NRC review fees.

2. GENERIC CODE CASE PROCESS

Working with the NRC staff to develop a means of accelerating the generic use of ASME Code Cases that have been found acceptable for use by the NRC staff, but have not yet been published in Regulatory Guides 1.84, 1.85, or 1.147. This may include rulemaking to modify footnote 6 to 10 CFR 50.55a to enhance availability. Enhanced availability of NRC – approved generic ASME Code Cases should result in a reduction of relief requests requiring plant-specific NRC approval.

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Identifying additional generic 10 CFR 50.55a - related items as candidates for gains in efficiency, and developing remedies. Potential candidates include eliminating the need for the NRC to perform a full re-review of the same relief request for each new Ten - Year Inservice Inspection Program or Ten - Year Inservice Testing Program for a plant, and instituting a process whereby generic-type relief requests that have been approved by the NRC may be adopted by other plants.