

June 20, 2003

Mr. Michael White  
Director of Legal Affairs and Policy  
Office of the Federal Register  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Washington, DC 20408

Dear Mr. White,

On January 30, 2001, NRC staff from the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Research, the General Counsel, and Administration met with you to discuss the incorporation by reference in 10 CFR 50.55a of the following NRC Regulatory Guides:

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In these Regulatory Guides, the NRC lists those ASME code cases which are acceptable as alternatives to compliance with the provisions of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and the ASME Operation and Maintenance (OM) Code, as incorporated by reference in 10 CFR 50.55a(b). The NRC Regulatory Guides listed above also specify modifications, limitations, and exceptions which govern licensee use of certain ASME code cases.

At the January 2001 meeting with our staff, you indicated that the Office of the Federal Register would permit incorporation by reference of these NRC guidance documents. Therefore, in accordance with 1 CFR part 51, we are requesting approval for the incorporation by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) of the material listed above.

We have enclosed a copy of the Federal Register notice for the final rule incorporating this material into the CFR, along with a copy of each revision of the three Regulatory Guides being incorporated. If you have any questions on this matter, please call me on (301) 415-7163.

Sincerely,

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