

May 30, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-03-0078 - NRC STAFF-  
SPONSORED RULEMAKING - CODES AND STANDARDS  
(10 CFR 50.55a)

This is to advise you that the Commission has not objected to proceeding with rulemaking to amend Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 50.55a (10CFR 50.55a), "Codes and Standards," to incorporate by reference the 2001 Edition and 2002 Addenda of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code, in accordance with the rulemaking plan provided with SECY-03-0078.

The Commission has not objected to conducting subsequent rulemakings to update 10 CFR 50.55a approximately every 2 to 3 years without Commission approval, in accordance with the rulemaking plan provided with SECY-03-0078.

cc: Chairman Diaz  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
OGC  
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