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Subject: Section XI, Division I Inquiry - Reference
of SNT-TC-1A-1980 in Section XI

Reference: Your letter of March 23, 1984 ³
ASME File # BC 83-176

Dear Mr. Baker:

Your inquiry is being reviewed by the Section XI, WG NDE, which is reviewing SNT-TC-1A 1980 to determine which "shoulds" are to be considered "shalls".

Since each should in SNT-TC-1A 1980 must be reviewed on an individual basis, a simple yes or no reply is impossible. It is expected that the WG NDE will be presenting some revisions to IWA-2300 to clarify the concerns expressed in your letter.

I would hope that you might withdraw the inquiry after contacting Mr. Eric DeBarba, Chairman of the WG NDE, to determine the progress the WG is making on resolving this question.

Mr. DeBarba can be contacted at (203) 665-5815.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth I. Baron

Kenneth I. Baron, Secretary
Subcommittee XI

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*Per Swannan - as of 4/17/85
ASME still working on this*
*See Pro Machy - 4/20/85 - Morning
ASME Mtg noted unanimously
to support Sect III position
where should = shall.*