

October 6, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael E. Mayfield, Director
Division of Engineering Technology
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM: Ledyard B. Marsh, Director /RA/
Division of Licensing Project Management
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ON STANDARDS

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Please contact John G. Lamb of my staff at 415-1446 if you have any questions.

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NRR Input to OMB Circular A-119 Annual Report

Period Covered: October 1, 2002 - September 30, 2003

Item No.	Information Request	Office Input	
		Number	Supporting Information
1	Identify all instances where a government-unique standard was used in lieu of an existing consensus standard.	0	
2	Number of consensus standards adopted final by the office.	0	
3	Identify consensus standards that have been used to replace government-unique standards.	0	
4	An evaluation of the effectiveness of OMB Circular A-119 policy and recommendations for any changes.	--	The policy guidelines provided in the circular for participating in voluntary consensus standards bodies and using voluntary consensus standards are consistent with longstanding NRR practices. The guidelines also provide sufficient and reasonable flexibility for each agency to make an independent case-by-case determination as to the usability of a particular standard within that agency's scope and responsibility.

Attachment 1

Committee Representatives Additions and Deletions

SDO	Last Name	First Name	Office	Identifier	Committee
ASME	Andruskiewicz	Edward	NRR	XI	TG on Temper Bead Welding (Alternate)
ASME	Georgiev Hiser	George Allen	NRR	XI	TG on Alloy 600
NFPA	Connell	Edward	NRR	FPNF	C on Fire Protection for nuclear Facilities
ASME	Hayes	John	NRR	CONAGT	SG on Medium Efficiency Filters
ASME	Hayes	John	NRR	CONAGT	SG on HEPA Filters
ASME	Hayes	John	NRR	CONAGT	SC on Technology
ASME	Hayes	John	NRR	CONAGT	SC on Ventilation Air Cleaning Filtration Equipment
ASME	Hayes	John	NRR	CONAGT	Executive Committee on Nuclear Air and Gas Treatment
ANS	Gallucci	Ray	NRR	NISD	C on Nuclear Installation Safety
ANS	Gallucci	Ray	NRR	ANS 58.23	C on Fire PRA Standard
ANS	Harvey	Brad	NRR	NFSC/ANS-21	WG on Determining Meteorological Information at Nuclear Facilities

Attachment 2