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Mr. Frank McAleese
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Dear Mr. McAleese:

Thank you for your letter pertaining to the ASME Code requirements for hydrostatic testing. In your letter you requested specific information on the ASME required hydrostatic test pressure for various components in different types of reactors.

Although the NRC endorses some elements of the ASME Code in its regulations through 10 CFR 50.55a, the ASME develops and maintains the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, and we would refer you to them for an interpretation of Code requirements. You can contact the ASME by writing to the Secretary of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Committee at Three Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5990. Additional information can be obtained at the ASME website, www.asme.org.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (610) 337-5282.

Sincerely,

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