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If you have questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-3207 or saw8@nrc.gov or you may contact Amy Cubbage at (301) 415-2875 or aec@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAIs)
ESBWR DESIGN CONTROL DOCUMENT (DCD) TIER 2, Revision 1, Chapter 5

RAI Number	Reviewer	Question Summary	Full Text
5.2-30	Huang J	Provide reference to a specific edition and addenda of the ASME Code and OM Code	Reference to a specific edition and addenda of the ASME Code and OM Code is necessary to reach a safety finding during the design certification stage. Identify in DCD Tier 2, Table 1.9-22 the specific addenda of ASME Code for component design and the specific addenda of OM Code for inservice testing of pumps, valves, and snubbers.
5.2-31	Huang J	Identify the OM Code Cases that apply to inservice testing of pumps, valves, and snubbers	DCD Tier 2, Revision 1, Table 5.2-1 has not identified the OM Code Cases that apply to inservice testing of pumps, valves, and snubbers. According to SRP 5.2.1.2, the table identifying the Code Cases is checked for compliance with the list of acceptable Code Cases identified in the Regulatory Guides (RGs). Identify in ESBWR Table 5.2-1 the specific OM Code Cases that apply to inservice testing of pumps, valves, and snubbers.
5.2-32	Wu J	List Code Cases Annulled or under development	Provide a table listing of either annulled Code Cases that are not included in DCD Tier 2, Table 5.2-1, or Code Cases that are under development, which will potentially be applied in the design and construction of ESBWR pressure-retaining ASME Code, Section III, Class 1, 2 and 3 components.
5.2-33	Wu J	Discuss the applicability of Code Case N-71-17.	DCD Tier 2, Revision 1, Table 5.2-1 lists Code Cases N-71-17 for the design and construction of the ESBWR. However, the current approved revision is Code Case N-71-18. Please justify the differences between the two revisions in the ESBWR design application.
5.2-34	Wu J	Applicability of ASME Section XI inservice inspection Code Cases for ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 components.	DCD Tier 2, Table 5.2-1 lists nine Code Cases in RG 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability. ASME Section XI, Division 1." It is noted that the only acceptable ASME Code Cases that may be used for the design of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 components in the ESBWR are those either conditionally or unconditionally approved in RG 1.84. Discuss whether the Code Cases pertaining to ASME Section XI inservice inspection can be used for the design of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 components in the ESBWR.

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5.2-35	Wu J	Confirmation of annulled Code Cases, which are considered active and valid for ESBWR.	Code Cases listed in DCD Tier 2, Table 5.2-1 may, for design purposes, be used until appropriately annulled. Annulled cases are considered active for equipment that has been contractually committed to, for fabrication prior to the annulment. Confirm that in Section 5.2.1.2, the annulled Code Cases, which are considered active and valid for ESBWR are limited to the relevant Code Cases listed in Table 5.2-1 only.
5.4-19	Lois L	RWCU regulatory requirements	DCD Tier 2, Revision 1, Section 5.4.8, reactor water cleanup (RWCU)/shutdown cooling (SDC) system lists GDC 1, 2, 14, 60, and 61 and Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.56 for the power generation mode of operation. However, RG 1.56 (Revision 1, July 1978) also refers to the requirements of GDC 15 and 31. Should GDC 15 and 31 also be listed in DCD Tier 2, Section 5.4.8?

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