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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION (NRC) STAFF AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
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MEETING AGENDA

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME)

ASME CODE RELATED TECHNICAL AND RELATED TOPICS

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Day 1 - Technical Issues associated with Welding

- Introductions/Meeting Objectives and Goals.
- Discuss Code Case (CC) N-713: Use of Section XI Non-Destructive Examination (NDE) acceptance criteria in lieu of those of the Construction Code for Repair/Replacement Activities. This will include discussion on Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.147 restriction to CC N-638-1.
- Discuss NRC concerns with thermal cutting without mechanical metal removal.
- Discuss NDE requirements regarding Pressure Testing.
- Discuss weldability issues associated with Alloy 52/152 and current initiatives associated with improving weld quality.
- Present framework of proposed modifications to Section XI adoption of Section IX temper bead qualification rules.
- Eliminate 48 hour hold for Shielded Metal Arc Weld (SMAW) temper bead welding.
- Discuss CC N-638-3 revision to the start the 48 hour hold after layer 3 is completed versus weldment completed.
- Discuss CC N-638-3 modification to permit temper bead repairs up to 500 square inchs.
- Discuss revisions to CC N-740 and N-754 allowing pre-emptive overlay repairs.

Day 2 - Morning

- Discuss CC N-555 and how the NRC works with referencing other ASME Codes within Section XI.
- Discuss NRC involvement, specifically as a Project Manager.
- Discuss re-write of 10 CFR 50.55a.

Day 2 - Afternoon (Regulatory Endorsement)

- Breakout Session (1-hour)
- Discuss Non-Mandatory Appendices.
- NRC discussion on legal interpretations of references within Sections III and XI to Sections II, V and IX.