



# **Status of Section-III-to-XI Issue**

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## **Public Meeting with Industry on Construction Inspection Program**

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# Background

ITAAC maintenance: **Use Section III or XI of ASME Code for repairs to components installed in a plant under construction?**

12/17/2009: Last public meeting on this topic

Proposed path for resolution:

ASME Code to address conflicting requirements between Part 52 and ASME Code

NRC to revise regulations, as necessary, to ensure consistency with ASME Code

# ASME Code Actions

- Key question: *What does ASME Code require for making repairs to installed components in a plant under construction?*
- Similar issue arose at Watts Bar, Unit 2
- Urgent issue at Watts Bar 2
- ASME Code Cases N-801 and N-802 were developed to address issue

## **NRC Staff Actions**

- NRC to endorse N-801 and N-802 in its regulations (10 CFR 50.55a)
- Allow use of Section XI between N-3 Data Report and 52.103(g) finding provided:
  - ITAAC closure is maintained
- Condition on N-801/N-802 will be included in next 50.55a amended rulemaking
- Next 50.55a proposed rule is scheduled to be issued 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2012