

June 21, 2011

Dr. N. Prasad Kadambi, Chair
ANS Standards Board
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SUBJECT: ANSI-APPROVED STANDARDS FOR NRC REVIEW AND POTENTIAL
ENDORSEMENT

Dear Dr. Kadambi:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff would like to thank you for your letters dated March 25, 2011 and May 9, 2011, that lists several new, revised, or reaffirmed standards. The staff appreciates the time and effort that the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the American Nuclear Society (ANS) standards committees have devoted to producing these important standards documents. The NRC has had a number of staff members committed to and participating on these committees.

In many instances, the NRC endorses consensus standards through regulatory guides. The enclosure identifies the regulatory guides that reference these standards and indicates the NRC's plans for updating these guides except ANSI/ANS-19.6.1. The staff is still in process of correlating this standard with a related RG and will notify you of the results. The staff hopes that you can use this information to coordinate future revisions to the standards.

As part of the regulatory guide update program, the NRC staff will continue to communicate with ANS and other organizations that develop consensus standards to ensure that NRC documents reference applicable standards appropriately. Information related to the NRC's program to update regulatory guides may be found on the agency's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/>.

The NRC appreciates the time and effort that the ANS standards committees have devoted to producing these important standards documents.

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The agency will disseminate the information to the appropriate NRC staff that may be interested in these standards.

Sincerely,

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