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**NRC/ASME Management Meeting – 08/15/2012
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AGENDA
NRC/ASME Semi-Annual Management Meeting

Date: Friday, August 17, 2012
 Start Time: 8:30 am
 Location: Two White Flint North
 Room: T-10A01

Purpose: To establish at the management level:

- (a) A common understanding between NRC and ASME of the needs of the NRC as a stakeholder in its use of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel (BPV) Code
- (b) A communication pathway between NRC and ASME with respect to mission, objectives, or issues that may impact implementation of the ASME BPV Code in the U.S. nuclear industry.

8:30	1) Introductions	Wally Norris, NRC
8:40	2) Opening Remarks	Mike Case, NRC Standards Executive
8:45	3) Status of action items from 2/29/12 teleconference a. Schedule for 2009 – 2011 ASME Code rule b. Schedule for revisions to Code Case regulatory guides c. Update – revision of 50.55a to address issues of clarity and readability	Wally Norris
	4) Current Action Items	
9:15	a. Brief overview of ASME committee structure	Richard Barnes, Chair, SC III Gary Park, Chair, SC XI
9:35	b. Replacement of ASME Code Symbol Stamps with Certification Mark	Geary Mizuno, OGC Rick Swayne, Vice-Chair, SC XI
10:00	c. The importance of NRC involvement in the ASME consensus process	Richard Barnes (Gary Park)
10:15	Break	

10:30	d. Stakeholders groups in Section III (discussion on the use of stakeholder meetings) Purpose of HDPE stakeholders group and NRC participation	Richard Barnes (Gary Park) Mike Case
10:55	e. Section III and Section XI Operational Plans i. Purpose of development and use by ASME ii. Correlation between Operational Plans and the NRC list of top priorities iii. Use of information by NRC	Gary Park (Richard Barnes) Mike Case
11:20	f. Discuss the need to have the requirement for submittals and/or approval by the NRC in the Code	Gary Park Wally Norris
11:35	g. Discuss relief requests on limited examinations to determine if the number of relief requests can be reduced (e.g., configurations that limit examinations could be included in code)	Mark Ferlisi, Duke Energy, Chair of the ASME Task Group on Regulatory Endorsement Mike Check, Deputy Director, DE/NRR
11:55	Lunch	
12:45	h. Introduce the revision to Section XI, Division 2, and the RIM program	Rick Swayne, Vice-Chair, SC XI Mohammed Shuaibi, Deputy Director, DE/NRO
1:05	i. Introduce the action for using carbon fiber composites for R/R activities within SC XI	Ron Yonekawa, Vice-Chair, SC XI Mike Check
1:20	j. Recognition of Section III, Division 2, concrete containments	Richard Barnes Mohammed Shuaibi
1:40	k. Status of Section III, Division 3, containments for transportation and storage	Richard Barnes Gordon Bjorkman, NMSS
2:00	5. Next NRC/ASME Management Teleconference	All

ACTION ITEM LIST
August 17, 2012, NRC/ASME Management Meeting

The following action items were identified during the discussions. Wallace Norris and Gary Stevens of the NRC staff will coordinate these action items with Ryan Crane and Allison Byk of the ASME staff to ensure that each item below is addressed.

NRC

ASME management provided the following feedback, suggestions, and requests to NRC management

- Improve NRC staff coordination on ASME Code and Code Case actions at working groups
- Provide generic communication describing path forward on transition from ASME Code Symbol Stamps to ASME Certification Mark
- Improve dissemination of NRC committee member positions on ASME action items within NRC staff
- Respond to Richard Barnes letter on Stakeholders groups
- Review ASME Code and Code Cases for instances where NRC review, submittal to NRC, and/or NRC submittal and review is required
 - Determine whether condition continues to be appropriate
 - Determine whether the wording can be standardized
- Identify staff member to represent NRC on Section XI RIM committee
- Review NRC documents where Section III, Division 2, is approved for use and consider inclusion in one document
- Identification of NRC expert for potential Code participation for the use of carbon fiber composites for repair/replacement activities (would also include techniques currently addressed in Code Case N-589)
- Consider approving Code Case N-755, Revision 2

ASME

NRC management provided the following feedback, suggestions, and requests to ASME management

- It would assist the NRC in reviewing and approving Section III Code and Code Case actions if Section III began using Regulatory Analysis Sheets in a manner similar to Section XI
- Provide list of Section III committees where NRC input is needed
- Improve connectivity from task group to working group to subgroup; better communication on objectives and scope
- Ensure that White Papers are well justified
- That Section III develop a priority list similar to that of Section XI

- Sections III and XI priority lists should include the importance of each action and to whom it is important
- Provide specific input on lessons learned from designers difficulties with applying Section III, Division 2, as approved in various NRC documents

JOINT

The following joint action items were identified as a result of the discussions:

- Converge to one set of organizational charts for NRC participants (use Section XI format)
- Develop joint Operational Plan
 - e.g., MRP is working on actions that are currently not on ASME list but eventually will be
 - NRC priority list is used by industry committee members to justify ASME participation
- Discuss potential ways to handle regulatory requirements
- Discuss potential solutions to address recurring relief requests