

Status of Action Items from 2/29/12 Teleconference

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Schedule for Rulemaking: 2009 – 2011 Edition/Addenda



- March 2013
 - Change in rulemaking formats by Office of Federal Register unannounced
 - Incorporation by reference presents unique challenges with respect to format conformity
 - Code Case regulatory guide (RG) rule was closer to publication
 - Decision to seek OFR approval of RG rule before modifying 2009-2011 rule

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- Results of Lean Sigma Process (LSS) had been applied and implemented prior to required OFR changes
 - Gain in efficiencies and reduction in rulemaking time were being realized
 - Events such as OFR format change rare
 - Expect to return to LSS process in final rulemaking phase

Schedule for Rulemaking: RG Rule



- September 2012
 - Proposed rule has been reformatted
 - NRC received email from OFR that new format is acceptable
 - Proposed rule undergoing final staff reviews prior to publication
 - Office of General Counsel review not yet completed

Re-write of 10 CFR 50.55a



- Feedback to staff with respect for need to change format, and improve clarity and readability of regulation
 - Staff currently assessing available resources
 - Anticipate initiation of project early 2013
 - More detailed information should be available for February 2013 NRC/ASME management telephone call