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2016 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Operations and Maintenance Code				
Abstract				
The purpose of this rulemaking is to amend the NRC's regulations to incorporate by reference the 2016 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Operations and Maintenance code. This is a non-discretionary rule directed by SECY-10-0016. The NRC has a well-established practice of approving and/or mandating the use of certain parts of editions and addenda of ASME Codes in 10 CFR 50.55a through the rulemaking process of incorporation by reference. This practice assures consistency across the industry and that the NRC will continue to support the use of the most updated and technically sound techniques developed by the ASME to provide adequate protection to the public. This rulemaking also enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of NRC regulations by making use of current voluntary consensus standards and is consistent with applicable requirements of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act.				
Justification				
The rule scores 33 points (10, 10, 10, 3) because of the following reasons: A. Moderate contributor to the Safety Goal (Strategy 1). B. Significant contributor to Regulatory Effectiveness (Strategies 1 & 2). C. Commission direction in SECY-10-0016 and implements applicable requirements of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act. D. Moderate stakeholder interest.				
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