

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2014-0232]**

**Applicability of ASME Code Case N-770-1, as Conditioned by Federal Regulation, to  
Branch Connection Butt Welds**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory issue summary; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2015-10, "Applicability of ASME Code Case N-770-1, as Conditioned by Federal Regulation, to Branch Connection Butt Welds." This RIS is intended to inform addressees about reactor coolant system Alloy 82/182 branch connection dissimilar metal nozzle welds that may be of a butt weld configuration and, therefore, require inspection under the NRC's regulations. This RIS is addressed to all holders of an operating license or construction permit for a pressurized water nuclear power reactor under applicable NRC regulations, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

**DATES:** The RIS is available as of **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2014-0232 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC 2014-0232. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; e-mail: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC published a notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 63446) on October 23, 2014. The public comment period was extended in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 70897) on November 28, 2014, to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments. The agency received comments from five commenters. The staff considered all comments, which

resulted in minor clarifications to the RIS. The evaluation of these comments and the resulting changes to the RIS are discussed in a publicly-available memorandum, which is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15068A119.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of August 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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