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Brian E. Thomas
NRC Standards Executive
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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Thomas:

ASME is pleased that the NRC is able to rely on our standards to reduce the amount of NRC resources necessary to address various elements in nuclear power plants.

We hereby agree to continue the past practice of allowing the NRC to place a print copy of all ASME materials incorporated by reference in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) for examination by any member of the public. In addition, to help the NRC satisfy Office of the Federal Register (OFR) requirements regarding agency requests for approval to incorporate by reference into the code of Federal Regulations materials already published elsewhere, we are willing to post the ASME material shown in the attachment to your e-mail during the public comment period for the proposed rule in a read-only electronic access format.

You will just need to let us know when the comment period is set to begin and end for us to set it up. Once we have that, we can provide a web address that can be incorporated into your notice. As the documents are numerous, and lengthy, we would appreciate as much lead time as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Merker', is written in a cursive style.

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