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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10CFR 50.55a(a)(3), this letter is to inform you of Duke Power Company's intention to incorporate Code Case N-461 (attached) of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code into the Inservice Inspection programs at the Duke Power nuclear stations.

Code Case N-461, Alternate Rules for Piping Calibration Block Thickness, has not received generic approval for use by the NRC as of Revision 6 to Regulatory Guide 1.147. This Code Case specifies that any calibration block thickness may be used that is within $\pm 25\%$ of the pipe wall thickness to be examined.

Duke Power Company intends to use Code Case N-461 unless informed by the NRC that it is not acceptable for use.

Very truly yours,

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CASES OF ASME BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE

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and any reaffirmation dates.*

Case N-461
Alternative Rules for Piping Calibration Block
Thickness
Section XI, Division 1

Inquiry: When selecting calibration blocks in accordance with Section XI, Division 1, III-3410, what alternative wall thicknesses or pipe schedules may be used?

Reply: It is the opinion of the Committee that any calibration block thickness may be used that is within $\pm 25\%$ of the pipe wall thickness to be examined.