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Oliver Potts, Director  
Office of the Federal Register (F)  
The National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Dear Director Potts:

In accordance with Part 51 of Title 1 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), we request that you approve the incorporation by reference of the material listed below into 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and standards." Enclosed is an original copy of each item to be incorporated by reference and a draft copy of the final rule entitled, "Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases" (RIN 3150-AJ13; NRC-2012-0059). A Microsoft Word file of the draft final rule and a copy of this letter have been submitted to the [OFR-Legal@gpo.gov](mailto:OFR-Legal@gpo.gov) mailbox.

Please note that Section XIV, "Incorporation by Reference—Reasonable Availability to Interested Parties," of the draft final rule discusses the reasonable availability of the materials to be incorporated by reference and the NRC's interactions regarding those materials during the rulemaking process with the standards organizations and the public. Section V, "Section-by-Section Analysis," in the draft final rule also includes a detailed discussion of the materials to be incorporated by reference.

Materials to be Incorporated by Reference

The following materials will be referenced in § 50.55a(a)(3), as follows:

1. **10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i)** NRC Regulatory Guide 1.84, "Design, Fabrication, and Materials Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section III," Revision 37 (Date of issuance: March 2017);
2. **10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii)** NRC Regulatory Guide 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1," Revision 18 (Date of issuance: March 2017); and
3. **10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(iii)** NRC Regulatory Guide 1.192, "Operation and Maintenance Code Case Acceptability, ASME OM Code," Revision 2 (Date of issuance: March 2017).

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Please contact Jennifer Borges of my staff at 301-415-3647 or by e-mail at [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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