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Wes et al. –

At the upcoming public meeting on 5/31, the staff would like to briefly discuss one aspect of LAR 17-037 from the perspective of ASME Code treatment.

Can you confirm that you will be available to discuss this issue (related to SNC's May 11, 2018 submittal, ND-18-0608, ML18131A263)?

Briefly, the staff does not object to making the reference to the code material Tier 2 from Tier 2*, but we want to emphasize that if SNC intends to deviate from ASME Section III code requirements, then it will need to follow the process established in 10 CFR 50.55a for alternatives and relief requests, and not apply the 50.59 like process. The language in the supplemental RAI response related to the example using the words "adverse" raises a concern. In the instance used, this would be associated with the B31.1 Code, which does not fall under the purview of 10 CFR 50.55a. In this case, while using the 50.59 like process to deviate would be acceptable, this approach would not be the same for ASME Section III, where the 10 CFR 50.55a regulations would apply.

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