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The following comments concerning Regulatory Guide 1.137, Revision 1, "Fuel-Oil Systems For Standby Diesel Generators" are presented for your consideration:

1. It is recommended that the words "designed to Section III, Subsection ND of the Code" found in Regulatory Position C.1.e be replaced by the words "classified as ASME Section III Class 3 for the purpose of inservice testing." This change acknowledges that in some cases components are designed in accordance with Section III, Subsection ND for reasons which may make specific inservice testing requirements inappropriate. Examples of such reasons include compliance with Regulatory Guide 1.29 or addressing Section B of Regulatory Guide 1.26. Section XI of the ASME Code specifically recognizes that component classification may be inappropriate with respect to inservice inspection and consequently has included the provisions of IWA-1400(a) (making the owner responsible for classification in accordance with 10 CFR 50 criteria) and footnote 1 to IWB-1210 and JWC-1210.

Alternatively, if it is determined that certain portions of standby diesel generator fuel-oil systems be subjected to ASME Section XI requirements, selection criteria should be established. As discussed above, this criteria should not be solely based upon design code classification.

- Regulatory Position C.1.e implies that the component support examination requirements of IWD Section XI are applicable. For this application, these requirements appear inappropriate. Words of clarification should be added specifically excluding the VT-3 and BT-4 examination requirements of IWD.
- 3. Regulatory Position C.2.a requires that the fuel oil meet the specifications of ASTM D975-77 or those of the diesel generator manufacturer, whichever are more restrictive. The specifications called out by the manufacturer of the actual

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diesel generator are more than adequate and therefore should provide an acceptable alternative to ASTM D975-77.

Please consider these comments in future revisions of this Guide.

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