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MEMORANDUM FOR: Eric S. Beckjord, Director
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FROM: Edward L. Jordan, Director
Office for Analysis and Evaluation
of Operational Data

SUBJECT: INTEROFFICE CONCURRENCE OF PROPOSED RULE FOR
10 CFR 50.55a TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE SUBSECTION
IWE OF SECTION XI, DIVISION 1, OF THE ASME BOILER
AND PRESSURE VESSEL CODE

We have reviewed your October 20, 1988 proposal for a rule change in 10 CFR 50.55a to incorporate by reference Subsection IWE (metal containments and metal liners of concrete containments) of Section XI of the ASME Code. This proposed revision has responded constructively to our comments dated August 2, 1988, especially with the change in implementation schedule to accept 5 years to complete initial examinations rather than a possible 18 years in the previous proposal. We concur with the proposed rule change.

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Edward L. Jordan, Director
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