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The staff has determined that the use of Code Case N-498-1 for ASME Class 3 components (PTP-3-05), and the use of Code Case N-416-1 for ASME Class 1, 2, and 3 components in conjunction with the proposed additional NDE of Class 3 components (PTP-3-06), is authorized in the interim, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii), until such time as these Code Cases are published in a future revision of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.147. At that time, if you intend to continue to implement these Code Cases, you are required to follow all provisions of the Code Cases, with limitations issued in RG 1.147, if any. The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

If you have any questions, please call Allen Hansen at (301) 415-1390.

Sincerely,

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