


 **A New Approach**

- **Recommended Solutions:**
 - Developed in December 2008
 - 17 solutions identified




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 **Recommended Solutions**

Solution	Rank
Delegate 50.55a rulemaking signature authority down to NRR Office Director.	1
Provide a dedicated 50.55a rulemaking Project Manager.	2
Establish a scope control procedure to control emergent issues.	3
Optimize the 50.55a rulemaking concurrence process.	4
Begin the Technical Branch reviews for the next 50.55a rulemaking cycle in parallel with the current.	5
Provide training to Project Managers and Technical Staff.	6
Establish a steering committee for oversight.	7
Establish a 50.55a rulemaking working group.	8

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Involve OGC early on and throughout the rulemaking process.	9
Establish performance metrics tied to individual performance appraisals.	10
Create document templates.	11
Define agency ASME Code Committee Program Managers (Section XI, Section III, and O & M).	12
Develop Inter-office procedure specific to 50.55a rulemaking.	13
Determine the initial 50.55a rulemaking scope.	14
Provide a dedicated Technical Group Coordinator.	15
Enhance the MS Project schedule, including key milestones and tracking planned vs. actual.	16
Develop a standard operating procedure to track public comments and resolutions.	17

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Next Steps

• Implementation Plan:

- Short-term actions (planned for current rulemaking)
 - Pilot scope control procedure
 - Optimize concurrence process
 - Delegate signature authority downward
 - Create document templates
 - Establish steering committee
 - Dedicated Project Manager
- Long-term actions (planned for next rulemaking)
 - Consider performing 50.55a rulemakings in parallel (single edition & addenda)
 - Create inter-office procedure
 - Apply solutions to 50.55a Regulatory Guide (RG) rulemaking
 - Determine optimum number of Edition/Addenda to include in rulemaking scope

• Communications:

- User Feedback
 - Incorporate RGs for Code Cases into 50.55a as frequently as possible
 - Incorporate Code Editions/Addenda into 50.55a every 2 or 3 years
 - NRC representatives on Code Committees should identify to committees, early on, what items might be conditioned (so ASME can consider addressing issues in Code prior to rulemaking).
 - For ongoing 2005 Addenda through 2008 Addenda rulemaking, hold a public meeting during August 2009 ASME Code Week to get feedback from ASME before publishing proposed rule.
 - Give ASME (public) future rulemaking schedules for Edition/Addenda and RG rulemakings, including scope of rulemakings.

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Conclusion

- Improvements identified
- Implementation plan developed
- Enhancements underway
- Stable, Predictable and Consistent Process

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