



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
WASHINGTON, DC 20555 - 0001

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Dr. William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations
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Dear Dr. Travers:

SUBJECT: ACRS REVIEW OF ROUTINE UPDATES TO 10 CFR 50.55a, "CODES AND STANDARDS"

During the 507th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, November 5-7, 2003, we considered a request from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) with regard to the timing of our review of routine updates to 10 CFR 50.55a. Specifically, NRR requests that in the future ACRS defer its review of routine updates to 10 CFR 50.55a until after public comments have been resolved. Our understanding is that routine updates are those that do not involve significant issues. We agree with NRR's request. We would like to be notified of routine updates to 10 CFR 50.55a at the draft proposed stage.

We also considered a proposed update to 10 CFR 50.55a, which incorporates by reference the 2001 Edition and the 2002 and 2003 Addenda of Division 1 of Section III of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. The Committee decided not to review it.

Sincerely,

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Mario V. Bonaca
Chairman

Reference:

Memorandum dated October 27, 2003, from R. William Borchardt, Deputy Director, NRR, to John T. Larkins, Executive Director, ACRS, Subject: Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Review of Routine Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.55a Rulemakings