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SUBJECT: PUBLIC ACCESS TO ASME CODE CASES THAT THE U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION SEEKS TO APPROVE FOR USE THROUGH
REGULATORY GUIDES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Dear Mr. Merker:

The purpose of this letter is to request the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) provide public access to certain Sections III and XI Nuclear Components Code Cases, of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel (BPV) Code, and Operation and Maintenance (OM) Code Cases, which the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) would, for the first time, propose to approve for use in a rulemaking amending § 50.55a of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Codes and standards." These Code Cases are identified in Enclosure 1. The NRC's approval of these Code Cases would be accomplished by a rulemaking incorporating by reference the NRC's Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1295, DG-1296, and DG-1297 (corresponding, respectively, to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.84, Revision 37, RG 1.147, Revision 18, and RG 1.192, Revision 2), which would identify these Code Cases as newly approved for use. The NRC's request is consistent with our earlier correspondence, most recently a letter to you dated April 9, 2015, regarding public access to Sections III and XI, 2009-2013 editions, of the BPV Code and related documents are located in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Accession No. ML15085A206.

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With respect to future NRC rulemakings involving ASME Code Editions and Addenda, and Code Cases, we are also seeking a mutually beneficial way to streamline the process of making these documents publicly available. We look forward to future communications with you on this subject.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at Brian.Thomas@nrc.gov, or 301-415-0377.

Sincerely,

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