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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert B. Minogue, Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations


SUBJECT: CONTROL OF NRC RULEMAKING

By memorandum of February 13, 1984, "Control of NRC Rulemaking by Offices Reporting to the EDO," Offices were directed that effective April 1, 1984, (1) all offices under EDO purview must obtain my approval to begin and/or continue a specific rulemaking, (2) resources were not to be expended on rulemakings that have not been approved, and (3) RES would independently review rulemaking proposals forwarded for my approval and make recommendations to me concerning whether or not and how to proceed with the rulemakings.

In accordance with my directive, a proposal concerning rulemaking was forwarded for my approval along with recommendations from RES concerning the proposal, by your memorandum of February 13, 1985.

The proposal (Periodic Amendments to 10 CFR 50.55a, Codes and Standards) would continue the periodic amendments to 10 CFR 50.55a to update the reference to editions and addenda of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boilers and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code). You also recommended that the current proposed amendment be issued for public comment. Approval of the current and continuing periodic rulemaking would support the continuing policy of the Commission to update this section of the regulations to keep the references current with the ASME Code which is revised periodically.

I approve continuation of this rulemaking. The NRC Regulatory Agenda (NUREG-0936) should be modified to reflect the status of this rulemaking.


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