NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 25 January 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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TITLE: Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Code Cases

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to incorporate by reference (IBR) the latest revisions of three regulatory guides (RGs) approving new, revised, and reaffirmed Code Cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). This action allows nuclear power plant licensees and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals and manufacturing licenses to voluntarily use the Code Cases listed in these RGs as alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection (ISI), and inservice testing (IST) of nuclear power plant components. These engineering standards are set forth in the ASME's Boiler and Pressure Vessel (BPV) Codes and ASME Operation and Maintenance (OM) Codes, which are currently incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations. This final rule announces the availability of the final versions of the three RGs that are being incorporated by reference. Further, the final rule announces the availability of a related RG, not incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations that lists Code Cases that the NRC has not approved for use.

DATES: This final rule is effective on 16 February 2018. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulation is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 16 February 2018.

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