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Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.193, "ASME Code Cases Not Approved for Use," lists the Code Cases that the NRC has determined are not acceptable for generic use as specified in Section III, "Rules for Construction of Nuclear Power Plant Components," and Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel (BPV) Code promulgated by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). (In so doing, this guide complements Revision 33 of Regulatory Guide 1.84, "Design, Fabrication, and Materials Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section III," and Revision 14 of Regulatory Guide 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1," which list the Code Cases that the NRC has determined to be acceptable alternatives to applicable provisions of Section III and Section XI, respectively.)

Licensees may request NRC approval to implement one or more of the Code Cases listed in Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.193, as provided in 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3), which permits the use of alternatives to the Code requirements referenced in 10 CFR 50.55a, provided that the proposed alternatives result in an acceptable level of quality and safety. To do so, a licensee must submit a plant-specific request that addresses the NRC's concern about the given Code Case.

On August 3, 2004, the NRC staff published a draft of this guide as Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1126. Following

the closure of the public comment period on September 2, 2004, the staff considered all stakeholder comments in the course of preparing Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.193.

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Requests for technical information about Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.193 may be directed to Wallace E. Norris, at (301) 415-6796 or WEN@nrc.gov.

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Revision 14 of Regulatory Guide 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1," lists the NRC-approved Code Cases from Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel (BPV) Code promulgated by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). In so doing, this guide identifies the Code Cases that nuclear power plant applicants and licensees can use to comply with the NRC's requirements in Title 10, Section 50.55a(g), of the *Code of Federal Regulations* [10 CFR 50.55a(g)], "Inservice Inspection Requirements." Specifically, 10 CFR 50.55a(g) requires, in part, that Class 1, 2, 3, MC, and CC components and their supports must meet the requirements of ASME Section XI (or equivalent quality standards). The ASME publishes a new edition of the BPV Code (which includes Section XI) every 3 years, new