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INSERVICE INSPECTION CODE CASE ACCEPTABILITY, ASME SECTION XI, DIVISION 1

A. INTRODUCTION

General Design Criterion (GDC) 1, "Quality Standards and Records," of Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, Part 50, of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities" (Ref. 1), requires, in part, that structures, systems, and components important to safety be designed, fabricated, erected, and tested to quality standards commensurate with the importance of the safety functions to be performed. Where generally recognized codes and standards are used, Criterion 1 requires that they be identified and evaluated to determine their applicability, adequacy, and sufficiency and be supplemented or modified as necessary to ensure a quality product in keeping with the required safety function.

Provisions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code have been used since 1971 as one part of the framework to establish the necessary design, fabrication, construction, testing, and performance requirements for structures, systems, and components important to safety. Among other things, ASME standards committees develop improved methods for the construction and inservice inspection (ISI) of ASME Class 1, 2, 3, MC (metal containment), and CC (concrete containment) nuclear power plant components. A broad spectrum of stakeholders participates in the ASME process, which helps to ensure that the various interests are considered.

The regulation in 10 CFR 50.55a(g), "Inservice Inspection Requirements," requires, in part, that Classes 1, 2, 3, MC, and CC components and their supports meet the requirements of Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the ASME BPV Code (Ref. 2) or equivalent quality standards. Every 3 years the ASME publishes a new edition of the BPV Code, including Section XI, and new addenda are published every year. The latest editions and addenda of Section XI that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved for use are referenced in 10 CFR 50.55a(b). The ASME also publishes Code Cases quarterly. Code Cases provide alternatives to existing Code requirements that the ASME developed and approved. This regulatory guide identifies the Code Cases that the NRC has determined to be acceptable alternatives to applicable parts of Section XI.

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This guide was issued after consideration of comments received from the public.

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Licenses may use these Code Cases without requesting authorization from the NRC, provided that they are used with any identified limitations or modifications. Section XI Code Cases that the NRC has not yet endorsed may be implemented through 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 and that their use is authorized by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

The ASME Code is incorporated by reference into 10 CFR 50.55a, which the NRC will amend to incorporate this guide by reference; 10 CFR 50.55a states the requirements governing the use of Code Cases. Because of continuing change in the status of Code Cases, the staff plans periodic updates to 10 CFR 50.55a and this guide to accommodate new Code Cases and any revisions of existing Code Cases. Code Cases approved by the NRC provide an acceptable voluntary alternative to the mandatory ASME Code provisions.

B. DISCUSSION

For Revision 15 of Regulatory Guide 1.147, the NRC staff reviewed the Section XI Code Cases listed in Supplements 7–12 to the 2001 Edition, and Supplement 1 to the 2004 Edition of the ASME BPV Code. Appendix A to this guide lists the supplements reviewed, the edition, the supplement number, and the date on which the supplement was approved by the ASME Board on Nuclear Codes and Standards. Appendix B is a list of the Section XI Code Cases published by the ASME in the seven supplements. Finally, Appendix C is a current list of all Section XI Code Cases. The Code Cases addressed by this regulatory guide are listed in five tables:

- (1) Table 1, "Acceptable Section XI Code Cases," lists the Code Cases that are acceptable to the NRC for implementation in the ISI of light-water-cooled nuclear power plants.
- (2) Table 2, "Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases," lists the Code Cases that are acceptable, provided that they are used with the identified limitations or modifications (i.e., the Code Case is generally acceptable but the NRC has determined that the alternative requirements must be supplemented in order to provide an acceptable level of quality and safety).
- (3) Table 3, "Annulled Unconditionally Approved Section XI Code Cases," lists Code Cases annulled by the ASME that the NRC previously determined to be fully acceptable.
- (4) Table 4, "Annulled Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases," lists Code Cases that the NRC determined to be acceptable, provided that they were used with the identified limitations or modifications, but were subsequently annulled by the ASME.
- (5) Table 5, "Section XI Code Cases That Have Been Superseded by Revised Code Cases," lists Code Cases that have been superseded through revision. Code Cases that the NRC determined to be unacceptable are listed in Regulatory Guide 1.193, "ASME Code Cases Not Approved for Use" (Ref. 4).

Code Cases provide alternatives to existing Code requirements that the ASME developed and approved. The new Code Cases and revisions to existing Code Cases listed as approved in Tables 1 and 2 of this guide are incorporated by reference into 10 CFR 50.55a. Code Cases approved by the NRC may be used voluntarily by licensees as an alternative to compliance with ASME Code provisions incorporated by reference into 10 CFR 50.55a.

When a licensee initially implements a Code Case, 10 CFR 50.55a requires that the most recent version of that Code Case as listed in Tables 1 and 2 be implemented. If a Code Case is implemented by a licensee and a later version of the Code Case is incorporated by reference into 10 CFR 50.55a and listed

in Tables 1 and 2 during the licensee's present 120-month ISI program interval, that licensee may use either the later version or the previous version. An exception to this provision would be the inclusion of a limitation or condition on the use of the Code Case that is necessary, for example, to enhance safety. Licensees who choose to continue use of the Code Case during the subsequent 120-month ISI program interval will be required to implement the latest version incorporated by reference into 10 CFR 50.55a and listed in Tables 1 and 2.

Code Cases may be annulled because the provisions have been incorporated into the Code, the application for which it was specifically developed no longer exists, or experience has shown that an examination or testing method is no longer adequate. After the ASME annuls a Code Case and the NRC amends 10 CFR 50.55a and this guide, licensees may not implement that Code Case for the first time. However, a licensee who implemented the Code Case prior to annulment may continue to use that Code Case through the end of the present ISI interval. An annulled Code Case cannot be used in the subsequent ISI interval unless implemented as an approved alternative under 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3). If a Code Case is incorporated by reference into 10 CFR 50.55a and later annulled by the ASME because experience has shown that an examination or testing method is inadequate, the NRC will amend 10 CFR 50.55a and this guide to remove the approval of the annulled Code Case. Licensees should not begin to implement such annulled Code Cases prior to the rulemaking. Notwithstanding these requirements, the Commission may impose new or revised Code requirements, including implementation schedules, that it determines are consistent with the Backfit rule (10 CFR 50.109).

With regard to the use of any Code Case, it is the responsibility of the user to make certain that the provisions of the Code Case do not conflict with regulatory requirements or licensee commitments.

C. REGULATORY POSITION

1. Acceptable Section XI Code Cases

The Code Cases listed in Table 1 are acceptable to the NRC for application in licensees' Section XI inservice inspection programs.

Table 1. Acceptable Section XI Code Cases

Code Case Number	Table 1 Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
N-307-3	Revised Ultrasonic Examination Volume for Class 1 Bolting, Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-G-1, When the Examinations Are Conducted from the End of the Bolt or Stud or from the Center-Drilled Hole, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-334	Examination Requirements for Integrally Welded or Forged Attachments to Class 2 Piping at Containment Penetrations, Section XI, Division 1	5/9/03
N-416-3	Alternative Pressure Test Requirement for Welded Repairs or Installation of Replacement Items by Welding, Class 1, 2, and 3, Section XI, Division 1	9/7/01
N-432-1	Repair Welding Using Automatic or Machine Gas Tungsten-Arc Welding (GTAW) Temper Bead Technique, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-460	Alternative Examination Coverage for Class 1 and Class 2 Welds, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
N-471	Acoustic Emission for Successive Inspections, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-491-2	Rules for Examination of Class 1, 2, 3, and MC Component Supports of Light- Water Cooled Power Plants, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
N-494-3	Pipe Specific Evaluation Procedures and Acceptance Criteria for Flaws in Class 1 Ferritic Piping that Exceed the Acceptance Standards of IWB-3514.2 and in Class 1 Austenitic Piping that Exceed the Acceptance Standards of IWB-3514.3, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-496-2	Helical-Coil Threaded Inserts, Section XI, Division 1	9/18/01
N-508-3	Rotation of Serviced Snubbers and Pressure Relief Valves for the Purpose of Testing, Section XI, Division 1	11/18/03
N-513-2	Evaluation Criteria for Temporary Acceptance of Flaws in Moderate Energy Class 2 or 3 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	2/20/04
N-517-1	Quality Assurance Program Requirements for Owners, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-522	Pressure Testing of Containment Penetration Piping, Section XI, Division 1	4/8/02
N-526	Alternative Requirements for Successive Inspections of Class 1 and 2 Vessels, Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02

Code Case Number	Table 1 Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
N-532-4	Alternative Requirements to Repair and Replacement Documentation Requirements and Inservice Summary Report Preparation and Submission as Required by IWA-4000 and IWA-6000, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/06
N-534	Alternative Requirements for Pneumatic Pressure Testing, Section XI, Division 1	5/9/03
N-537	Location of Ultrasonic Depth-Sizing Flaws, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-545	Alternative Requirements for Conduct of Performance Demonstration Detection Test of Reactor Vessel, Section XI, Division 1	5/20/98
N-553-1	Inservice Eddy Current Surface Examination of Pressure Retaining Pipe Welds and Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-554-3	Alternative Requirements for Reconciliation of Replacement Items and Addition of New Systems, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
N-566-2	Corrective Action for Leakage Identified at Bolted Connections, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-567-1	Alternative Requirements for Class 1, 2, and 3 Replacement Components, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-573	Transfer of Procedure Qualification Records Between Owners, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
N-586-1	Alternative Additional Examination Requirements for Classes 1, 2, and 3 Piping, Components, and Supports, Section XI, Division 1	5/04/04
N-600	Transfer of Welder, Welding Operator, Brazer, and Brazing Operator Qualifications Between Owners, Section XI, Division 1	9/18/01
N-609	Alternative Requirements to Stress-Based Selection Criteria for Category B-J Welds, Section XI, Division 1	7/30/98
N-613-1	Ultrasonic Examination of Penetration Nozzles in Vessels, Examination Category B-D, Item Nos. B3.10 and B3.90, Reactor Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Figs. IWB-2500-7(a), (b), and (c), Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02
N-617	Alternative Examination Distribution Requirements for Table IWC-2500-1, Examination Category C-G, Pressure Retaining Welds in Pumps and Valves, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-623	Deferral of Inspections of Shell-to-Flange and Head-to-Flange Welds of a Reactor Vessel, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-624	Successive Inspections, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-629	Use of Fracture Toughness Test Data to Establish Reference Temperature for Pressure Retaining Materials, Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02
N-640	Alternative Reference Fracture Toughness for Development of P-T Limit Curves, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02

Code Case Number	Table 1 Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
N-641	Alternative Pressure-Temperature Relationship and Low Temperature Overpressure Protection System Requirements, Section XI, Division 1	2/3/03
N-643-2	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate Curves for Ferritic Steels in PWR Water Environment, Section XI, Division 1	5/04/04
N-649	Alternative Requirements for IWE-5240 Visual Examination, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-651	Ferritic and Dissimilar Metal Welding Using SMAW Temper Bead Technique Without Removing the Weld Bead Crown for the First Layer, Section XI, Division 1	8/14/01
N-652-1	Alternative Requirements to Categorize B-G-1, B-G-2, and C-D Bolting Examination Methods and Selection Criteria, Section XI, Division 1	2/20/04
N-658	Qualification Requirements for Ultrasonic Examination of Wrought Austenitic Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	4/4/02
N-663	Alternative Requirements for Classes 1 and 2 Surface Examinations, Section XI, Division 1	9/17/02
N-664	Performance Demonstration Requirements for Examination of Unclad Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds, Excluding Flange Welds, Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02
N-665	Alternative Requirements for Beam Angle Measurements Using Refracted Longitudinal Wave Search Units, Section XI, Division 1	2/28/03
N-683	Method for Determining Maximum Allowable False Calls When Performing Single-Sided Access Performance Demonstration in Accordance with Appendix VIII, Supplements 4 and 6, Section XI, Division 1	2/28/03
N-685	Lighting Requirements for Surface Examination, Section XI, Division 1	2/28/03
N-686	Alternative Requirements for Visual Examinations, VT-1, VT-2, and VT-3, Section XI, Division 1	2/28/03
N-695	Qualification Requirements for Dissimilar Metal Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	5/21/03
N-696	Qualification Requirements for Appendix VIII Piping Examinations Conducted from the Inside Surface, Section XI, Division I	5/21/03
N-697	Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Examination and Alternative Examination Requirements for Pressure Retaining Welds in Control Rod Drive and Instrument Nozzle Housings, Section XI, Division 1	11/18/03
N-700	Alternative Rules for Selection of Classes 1, 2, and 3 Vessel Welded Attachments for Examination, Section XI, Division 1	11/18/03
N-706	Alternative Examination Requirements of Table IWB-2500-1 and Table IWC-2500-1 for PWR Stainless Steel Residual and Regenerative Heat Exchangers, Section XI, Division 1	11/11/05

2. Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases

The Code Cases listed in Table 2 are acceptable to the NRC for application in licensees' Section XI inservice inspection programs within the limitations imposed by the NRC staff. Unless otherwise stated, limitations imposed by the NRC are in addition to the conditions specified in the Code Case.

Table 2. Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases

Code Case Number	Table 2 Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
	Condition	
N-498-4	Alternative Requirements for 10-Year System Hydrostatic Testing for Class 1, 2, and 3 Systems, Section XI, Division 1	4/8/02
	Prior to conducting the VT-2 examination of Class 2 and Class 3 components not required to operate during normal plant operation, a 10-minute holding time is required after attaining test pressure. Prior to conducting the VT-2 examination of Class 2 and Class 3 components required to operate during normal plant operation, no holding time is required, provided the system has been in operation for at least 4 hours for insulated components or 10 minutes for non-insulated components.	
N-504-3	Alternative Rules for Repair of Class 1, 2, and 3 Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping, Section XI, Division 1	8/4/04
	The provisions of Section XI, Nonmandatory Appendix Q, "Weld Overlay Repair of Class 1, 2, and 3 Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping Weldments, must also be met.	
N-516-3	Underwater Welding, Section XI, Division 1	4/8/02
	Licensees must obtain NRC approval in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3) regarding the technique to be used in the weld repair or replacement of irradiated material underwater.	
N-528-1	Purchase, Exchange, or Transfer of Material Between Nuclear Plant Sites, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
	The requirements of 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance" (Ref. 5), are to be applied to the nuclear plant site supplying the material as well as to the nuclear plant site receiving the material that has been purchased, exchanged, or transferred between sites.	
N-533-1	Alternative Requirements for VT-2 Visual Examination of Class 1, 2, and 3 Insulated Pressure-Retaining Bolted Connections, Section XI, Division 1	4/8/02
	Prior to conducting the VT-2 examination of Class 2 and Class 3 components not required to operate during normal plant operation, a 10 minute holding time is required after attaining test pressure. Prior to conducting the VT-2 examination of Class 2 and Class 3 components required to operate during normal plant operation, no holding time is required, provided the system has been in operation for at least 4 hours for insulated components or 10 minutes for non-insulated components.	
N-552	Alternative Methods - Qualification for Nozzle Inside Radius Section from the Outside Surface, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02

Code Case Number	Table 2 Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
	Condition	
	To achieve consistency with the 10 CFR 50.55a rule change published September 22, 1999 (64 FR 51370), incorporating Appendix VIII, "Performance Demonstration for Ultrasonic Examination Systems," to Section XI, add the following to the specimen requirements:	
	"At least 50 percent of the flaws in the demonstration test set must be cracks and the maximum misorientation must be demonstrated with cracks. Flaws in nozzles with bore diameters equal to or less than 4 inches may be notches."	
	Add to detection criteria, "The number of false calls must not exceed three."	
N-557-1	In-Place Dry Annealing of a PWR Nuclear Reactor Vessel, Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02
	The secondary stress allowable of $3S_{\rm m}$, shown in Figure 1 of the Code Case, must be applied to the entire primary plus secondary stress range during the anneal.	
N-569-1	Alternative Rules for Repair by Electrochemical Deposition of Class 1 and 2 Steam Generator Tubing, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
	NOTES: Steam generator tube repair methods require prior NRC approval through the Technical Specifications. This Code Case does not address certain aspects of this repair, e.g., the qualification of the inspection and plugging criteria necessary for staff approval of the repair method. In addition, if the user plans to "reconcile," as described in Footnote 2, the reconciliation is to be performed in accordance with IWA-4200 in the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda of ASME Section XI.	
N-576-1	Repair of Class 1 and 2 SB-163, UNS N06600 Steam Generator Tubing, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
	NOTES: Steam generator tube repair methods require prior NRC approval through the Technical Specifications. This Code Case does not address certain aspects of this repair, e.g., the qualification of the inspection and plugging criteria necessary for staff approval of the repair method. In addition, if the user plans to "reconcile," as described in Footnote 2, the reconciliation is to be performed in accordance with IWA-4200 in the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda of ASME Section XI.	

Code Case Number	Table 2 Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
	Condition	
N-583	Annual Training Alternative, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
	 Supplemental practice shall be performed on material or welds that contain cracks, or by analyzing prerecorded data from material or welds that contain cracks. The training must be completed no earlier than 6 months prior to performing ultrasonic examinations at a licensee's facility. 	
N-593	Alternative Examination Requirements for Steam Generator Nozzle to Vessel Welds, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
	Essentially 100 percent (not less than 90 percent) of the examination volume A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H must be inspected.	
N-597-2	Requirements for Analytical Evaluation of Pipe Wall Thinning, Section XI, Division 1	11/18/03
	 Code Case must be supplemented by the provisions of EPRI Nuclear Safety Analysis Center Report 202L-R2, "Recommendations for an Effective Flow Accelerated Corrosion Program" (Ref. 6), April 1999, for developing the inspection requirements, the method of predicting the rate of wall thickness loss, and the value of the predicted remaining wall thickness. As used in NSAC-202L-R2, the term "should" is to be applied as "shall" (i.e, a requirement). Components affected by flow-accelerated corrosion to which this Code Case are applied must be repaired or replaced in accordance with the construction code of record and Owner's requirements or a later NRC approved edition of Section III, "Rules for Construction of Nuclear Power Plant Components," of the ASME Code (Ref. 7) prior to the value of tp reaching the allowable minimum wall thickness, tmin, as specified in -3622.1(a)(1) of this Code Case. Alternatively, use of the Code Case is subject to NRC review and approval per 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3). For Class 1 piping not meeting the criteria of -3221, the use of evaluation methods and criteria is subject to NRC review and approval per 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3). For those components that do not require immediate repair or replacement, the rate of wall thickness loss is to be used to determine a suitable inspection frequency so that repair or replacement occurs prior to reaching allowable minimum wall thickness, tmin. For corrosion phenomenon other than flow accelerated corrosion, use of the Code Case is subject to NRC review and approval. Inspection plans and wall thinning rates may be difficult to justify for certain degradation mechanisms such as MIC and pitting. 	

Code Case Number	Table 2 Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
	Condition	
N-606-1	Similar and Dissimilar Metal Welding Using Ambient Temperature Machine GTAW Temper Bead Technique for BWR CRD Housing/Stub Tube Repairs, Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02
	Prior to welding, an examination or verification must be performed to ensure proper preparation of the base metal, and that the surface is properly contoured so that an acceptable weld can be produced. The surfaces to be welded, and surfaces adjacent to the weld, are to be free from contaminants, such as, rust, moisture, grease, and other foreign material or any other condition that would prevent proper welding and adversely affect the quality or strength of the weld. This verification is to be required in the welding procedures.	
N-616	Alternative Requirements for VT-2 Visual Examination of Classes 1, 2, 3 Insulated Pressure Retaining Bolted Connections, Section XI, Division 1	4/8/02
	 Insulation must be removed for VT-2 examination during the system pressure test for any 17-4 PH stainless steel of 410 stainless steel stud or bolt aged at a temperature below 1100°F or with hardness above R_c 30. For A-286 stainless steel studs or bolts, the preload must be verified to be below 100 Ksi or the thermal insulation must be removed and the joint visually examined. Prior to conducting the VT-2 examination of Class 2 and Class 3 components not required to operate during normal plant operation, a 10-minute holding time is required after attaining test pressure. Prior to conducting the VT-2 examination of Class 2 and Class 3 components required to operate during normal plant operation, no holding time is required, provided the system has been in operation for at least 4 hours for insulated components or 10 minutes for non-insulated components. 	
N-619	Alternative Requirements for Nozzle Inner Radius Inspections for Class 1 Pressurizer and Steam Generator Nozzles, Section XI, Division 1	4/8/02
	In lieu of a UT examination, licensees may perform a visual examination with enhanced magnification that has a resolution sensitivity to detect a 1-mil width wire or crack, utilizing the allowable flaw length criteria of Table IWB-3512-1 with limiting assumptions on the flaw aspect ratio. The provisions of Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-D, continue to apply except that, in place of examination volumes, the surfaces to be examined are the external surfaces shown in the figures applicable to this table (the external surface is from point M to point N in the figure).	
N-638-1	Similar and Dissimilar Metal Welding Using Ambient Temperature Machine GTAW Temper Bead Technique, Section XI, Division 1	2/13/03
	UT volumetric examinations shall be performed with personnel and procedures qualified for the repaired volume and qualified by demonstration using representative samples which contain construction type flaws. The acceptance criteria of NB-5330 in the 1998 Edition through 2000 Addenda of Section III (Ref. 7) apply to all flaws identified within the repaired volume.	

Code Case Number	Table 2 Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
	Condition	
N-639	Alternative Calibration Block Material, Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02
	Chemical ranges of the calibration block may vary from the materials specification if (1) it is within the chemical range of the component specification to be inspected, and (2) the phase and grain shape are maintained in the same ranges produced by the thermal process required by the material specification.	
N-647	Alternative to Augmented Examination Requirements of IWE-2500, Section XI, Division 1	11/18/03
	A VT-1 examination is to be used in lieu of the "detailed visual examination." [Note: Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1070, "Sampling Plans Used for Dedicating Simple Metallic Commercial Grade Items for Use in Nuclear Power Plants" (Ref. 8), is being developed to provide acceptable guidelines for sampling criteria.]	
N-648-1	Alternative Requirements for Inner Radius Examination of Class 1 Reactor Vessel Nozzles, Section XI Division 1	9/18/01
	In place of a UT examination, licensees may perform a visual examination with enhanced magnification that has a resolution sensitivity to detect a 1-mil width wire or crack, utilizing the allowable flaw length criteria of Table IWB-3512-1 with limiting assumptions on the flaw aspect ratio. The provisions of Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-D, continue to apply except that, in place of examination volumes, the surfaces to be examined are the external surfaces shown in the figures applicable to this table (the external surface is from point M to point N in the figure).	
N-660	Risk-Informed Safety Classification for Use in Risk-Informed Repair/Replacement Activities, Section XI, Division 1	7/23/02
	The Code Case must be applied only to ASME Code Classes 2 and 3, and non-Code Class pressure retaining components and their associated supports.	
N-661	Alternative Requirements for Wall Thickness Restoration of Classes 2 and 3 Carbon Steel Piping for Raw Water Service, Section XI, Division 1	7/23/02
	 (a) If the root cause of the degradation has not been determined, the repair is only acceptable for one cycle. (b) Weld overlay repair of an area can only be performed once in the same location. (c) When through-wall repairs are made by welding on surfaces that are wet or exposed to water, the weld overlay repair is only acceptable until the next refueling outage. 	
N-662	Alternative Repair/Replacement Requirements for Items Classified in Accordance with Risk-Informed Processes, Section XI, Division 1	8/20/02
	The Code Case must be applied only to ASME Code Classes 2 and 3, and non-Code Class pressure retaining components and their associated supports.	

Code Case Number	Table 2 Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	ASME Approval Date
	Condition	
N-694-1	Evaluation Procedure and Acceptance Criteria for PWR Reactor Vessel Upper Head Penetration, Section XI, Division 1	2/20/04
	 (a) The maximum instantaneous through-thickness stress distribution along the crack front and in the crack-length path must be used to calculate the crack driving force. (b) The stress intensity factor expression of Raju and Newman (Ref. 11) is only applicable to cylindrical products having a ratio of wall thickness to inside radius between 0.1 and 0.25. 	

3. Annulled Unconditionally Approved Section XI Code Cases

The Code Cases listed in Table 3 were previously unconditionally approved by the NRC and have been annulled by the ASME. The third column of the table lists the date that the ASME annulled the Code Case.

Table 3. Annulled Unconditionally Approved Section XI Code Cases

Code Case Number	Table 3 Annulled Unconditionally Approved Section XI Code Cases	Annulment Date
N-34 (1551)	Inservice Inspection of Welds of Nuclear Components, Section XI	11/20/81
N-72 (1646)	Partial Postponement of Category B-C Examination for Class 1 Components, Section XI	1/1/81
N-73 (1647)	Partial Postponement of Category B-D Examination for Class 1 Components, Section XI	1/1/81
N-98 (1705-1)	Ultrasonic Examination - Calibration Block Tolerances, Section XI, Division 1	8/9/96
N-112 (1730)	Acceptance Standards for Class 2 and 3 Components, Section XI, Division 1	7/1/79
N-113-1	Basic Calibration Block for Ultrasonic Examination of Weld 10 in. to 14 in. Thick, Section XI, Division 1	8/9/96
N-167 (1804)	Minimum Section Thickness Requirements for Repair of Nozzles, Section XI, Division 1	1/14/80
N-198-1	Exemption from Examination for ASME Class 1 and 2 Piping Located at Containment Penetrations, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-211	Recalibration of Ultrasonic Equipment Upon Change of Personnel, Section XI, Division 1 (The Code Case was annulled on 3/20/81 and reinstated on 7/13/81. There was no change in the Code Case, and the NRC considers that the Code Case was in effect during the period 3/20/81 through 7/13/81)	4/30/93
N-216	Alternative Rules for Reactor Vessel Closure Stud Examination, Section XI, Division 1	5/7/90
N-234	Time Between Ultrasonic Calibration Checks, Section XI, Division 1	12/3/90
N-235	Ultrasonic Calibration Checks per Section V, Section XI, Division 1	8/9/96
N-236-1	Repair and Replacement of Class MC Vessels, Section XI, Division 1	8/5/97
N-288	Hydrostatic Test Requirements for Class 1 and Class 2 Components, Section XI, Division 1	5/25/83
N-306	Calibration Block Material Selection, Appendix 1, 1-3121, Section XI, Division 1	5/7/90

Code Case Number	Table 3 Annulled Unconditionally Approved Section XI Code Cases	Annulment Date
N-308	Documentation of Repairs and Replacements of Components in Nuclear Power Plants, Section XI, Division 1	9/30/90
N-311	Alternative Examination of Outlet Nozzle on Secondary Side of Steam Generators, Section XI, Division 1	11/18/03
N-322	Examination Requirements for Integrally Welded or Forged Attachments to Class 1 Piping at Containment Penetrations, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
N-335-1	Rules for Ultrasonic Examination of Similar and Dissimilar Metal Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	5/11/97
N-343	Alternative Scope of Examination of Attachment Welds for Examination Categories B-H, B-K-1, and C-C, Section XI, Division 1	12/3/90
N-355	Calibration Block for Angle Beam Ultrasonic Examination of Large Fittings in Accordance with Appendix III-3410, Section XI, Division 1	8/9/96
N-356	Certification Period for Level III NDE Personnel, Section XI, Division 1 (Note: July 1, 1988, is the date that the provisions of the Code Case were acceptable to the NRC.)	8/5/97
N-375-2	Rules for Ultrasonic Examination of Bolds and Studs, Section XI, Division 1	5/7/90
N-389-1	Alternative Rules for Repairs, Replacements, or Modifications, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-401-1	Eddy Current Examination, Section XI, Division 1	5/11/97
N-402-1	Eddy Current Calibration Standards, Section XI, Division 1	5/11/97
N-406	Alternative Rules for Replacement, Section XI, Division 1	5/7/90
N-408-3	Alternative Rules for Examination of Class 2 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-409-3	Procedure and Personnel Qualification Requirements for Ultrasonic Detection and Sizing of Flaws in Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	4/30/96
N-415	Alternative Rules for Testing Pressure Relief, Section XI, Division 1	8/14/94
N-419	Extent of VT-1 Examinations, Category B-G-1 of Table IWB-2500-1, Section XI, Division 1	5/13/94
N-424	Qualification of Visual Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1	7/18/88
N-426	Extent of VT-1 Examinations, Category B-G-2 of Table IWB-2500-1, Section XI, Division 1	5/13/94
N-427	Code Cases in Inspection Plans, Section XI, Division 1	12/16/94

Code Case Number	Table 3 Annulled Unconditionally Approved Section XI Code Cases	Annulment Date
N-429-2	Alternative Rules for Ultrasonic Instrument Calibration, Section XI, Division 1	7/27/95
N-435-1	Alternative Examination Requirements for Vessels With Wall Thickness 2 in. or Less, Section XI, Division 1	5/4/04
N-436-1	Alternative Methods for Evaluation of Flaws in Austenitic Piping, Section XI, Division 1	12/3/90
N-437	Use of Digital Readout and Digital Measurement Devices for Performing Pressure Tests, Section XI, Division 1	7/27/95
N-444	Preparation of Inspection Plans, Section XI, Division 1 (Valve stroke times may be documented outside of the IST program. However, if included within the IST program and it becomes necessary to revise the maximum stroke time required by "Supplement 4—Content of IWV Valve Test Tables," it is not necessary to submit a revised IST program to the NRC solely to document a revision in valve stroke time.)	12/30/90
N-445	Use of Later Editions of SNT-TC-1A for Qualification of Nondestructive Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1, 2 and 3	5/7/90
N-446	Recertification of Visual Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1	5/7/90
N-448	Qualification of VT-2 and VT-3 Visual Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1	4/30/96
N-449	Qualification of VT-4 Visual Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1	4/30/96
N-457	Qualification Specimen Notch Location for Ultrasonic Examination of Bolts and Studs, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-458-1	Magnetic Particle Examination of Coated Materials, Section XI, Division 1	3/38/01
N-461-1	Alternative Rules for Piping Calibration Block Thickness, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-463-1	Evaluation Procedures and Acceptance Criteria for Flaws in Class 1 Ferritic Piping That Exceed the Acceptance Standards of IWB-3514.2, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-472	Use of Digital Readout and Digital Measurement Devices for Performing Pump Vibration Testing, Section XI, Division 1	8/14/97
N-478	Inservice Inspection for Class CC Concrete Components of Light-Water Cooled Power Plants, Section XI, Division 1	3/2/98
N-479-1	Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Main Steam Hydrostatic Test, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-481	Alternative Examination Requirements for Cast Austenitic Pump Casings, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/04

Code Case Number		
N-485-1	Eddy Current Examination of Coated Ferritic Surfaces as an Alternative to Surface Examination, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03
N-489	Alternative Rules for Level III NDE Qualification Examinations, Section XI, Divisions 1, 2, and 3	4/19/02
N-490-1	Alternative Vision Test Requirements for Nondestructive Examiners, Section XI, Divisions 1, 2, and 3	2/14/03
N-495	Hydrostatic Testing of Relief Valves, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-496-1	Helical-Coil Threaded Inserts, Section XI, Division 1	5/11/97
N-503	Limited Certification of Nondestructive Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1 (Note: Because of the statistical screening criteria used for Appendix VIII to Section XI qualifications, this Code Case is not applicable to Appendix VIII, "Performance Demonstration for Ultrasonic Examination Systems.")	2/14/03
N-514	Low Temperature Overpressure Protection, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-515	Class 1 Mechanical Joint Pressure Tests, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-521	Alternative Rules for Deferral of Inspections of Nozzle-to-Vessel Welds, Inside Radius Sections, and Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds of a Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Vessel, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-523-2	Mechanical Clamping Devices for Class 2 and 3 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/04
N-524	Alternative Examination Requirements for Longitudinal Welds in Class 1 and 2 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-535	Alternative Requirements for Inservice Inspection Intervals, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-538	Alternative Requirements for Length Sizing Performance Demonstration in Accordance with Appendix VIII, Supplements 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02
N-541	Alternative Requirements for Performance Demonstration in Accordance with Appendix VIII, Supplements 4 and 6, Section XI, Division 1	
N-543	Alternative to Performing Periodic Calibration Checks, Section XI, Division 1	9/18/01
N-544	Repair/Replacement of Small Items, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/01
N-555	Use of Section II, V, and IX Code Cases, Section XI, Division 1 4/8/0	
N-556	Alternative Requirements for Verification of Acceptability 4/of Replacements, Section XI, Division 1	
N-563	Grading of Examinations, IWA-2320, Section XI, Division 1	4/19/02

Code Case Number	Table 3 Annulled Unconditionally Approved Section XI Code Cases	Annulment Date
N-588	Attenuation to Reference Flaw Orientation of Appendix G for Circumferential Welds in Reactor Vessels, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/04
N-592	ASNT Central Certification Program, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/04
N-598	Alternative Requirements to Required Percentages of Examinations, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/04
N-601	Extent and Frequency of VT-3 Visual Examination for Inservice Inspection of Metal Containments, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/04
N-603	Alternative to the Requirements of IWL-2421, Sites with Two Plants, Section XI, Division 1	3/28/04
N-604	Alternative to Bolt Torque or Tension Test Requirements of Table IWE-2500-1, Category E-G, Item E8.20, Section XI, Division 1	9/18/04
N-605	Alternative to the Requirements of IWE-2500(c) [sic, should state IWE-2500(b)] for Augmented Examination of Surface Areas, Section XI, Division 1 [Note: Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1070 (Ref. 8) is being developed to provide acceptable guidelines for sampling criteria.]	3/28/04
N-627	VT-1 Visual Examination in Lieu of Surface Examination for RPV Closure Nuts, Section XI, Division 1	5/7/02

4. Annulled Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases

The Code Cases listed in Table 4 were conditionally approved by the NRC but were subsequently annulled by the ASME.

Table 4. Annulled Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases

Code Case Number	Table 4 Annulled Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	Annulment Date; Supplement/ Edition	
N-118 (1738)	Examination—Acceptance Standards for Surface Indications in Cladding, Section XI	12/3/90	
	The last sentence of the "Reply" is to be replaced with the following: "The provisions of this Code Case may not be applied for the examination of clad surfaces of nozzles, including the inner surface of the nozzle-to-vessel insert welds."		
N-210	Exemption to Hydrostatic Tests After Repairs, Section XI, Division 1	3/20/81	
	Paragraph (3) of the "Reply" is to be replaced with the following: "Repairs to piping, pumps, and valves where the depth of the repaired cavity does not exceed 25 percent of the wall thickness."		
N-252	Low Energy Capacitive Discharge Welding Method for Temporary or Permanent Attachments to Components and Supports, Section III, Division 1, and Section XI	7/16/82	
	The applicant should indicate in the safety analysis report the application, the material, and the thickness of the material to which the strain gage or thermocouple will be attached by CD welding.		
N-278	Alternative Ultrasonic Calibration Block Configuration 1-3131 and T-434.3, Section XI, Division 1 (Code Case N-278 was inadvertently allowed to expire because of an ASME administrative error on 3/17/83. The Code Case was reinstated without technical change on May 25, 1993. Thus, the NRC considered the Code Case to be in effect during the period from March 17, 1983, through May 25, 1993.)	2/19/92	
	When a universal calibration block is used and some or all of the reference holes are larger than the reflector holes at comparable depths recommended by Article IV, Section V, 1980 Edition of the ASME Code, a correction factor should be used to adjust the DAC level to compensate for the larger reflector holes. Also, if the reactor pressure vessel was previously examined using a conventional block, a ratio between the DAC curves obtained from the two blocks should be noted (for reference) with the significant indication data.		

Code Case Number	Table 4 Annulled Conditionally Acceptable Section XI Code Cases	Annulment Date; Supplement/ Edition	
N-509	Alternative Rules for the Selection and Examination of Class 1, 2, and 3 Integrally Welded Attachments, Section XI, Division 1	5/20/01	
	A minimum 10% sample of integrally welded attachments for each item in each Code class per interval should be examined.		
N-512-1	Assessment of Reactor Vessels With Low Upper Shelf Charpy Impact Energy Levels, Section XI, Division 1	5/20/01	
	The material properties and transient selection must follow the guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.161, "Evaluation of Reactor Pressure Vessels with Charpy Upper-Shelf Energy Less Than 50 ft-lb" (Ref. 9), or an equivalent method approved by the NRC staff.		
N-546	Alternative Requirements for Qualification of VT-2 Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1	9/18/04	
	This Code Case is applicable only to the performance of VT-2 examinations and may not be applied to other VT-2 functions such as verifying the adequacy of procedures and training VT-2 personnel.		
N-568	Alternative Examination Requirements for Welded Attachments, Section XI, Division 1	2/14/03	
	This Code Case may only be used for examination of the accessible portions of lugs on piping where riser clamps (i.e., clamps on vertical runs of pipe) obstruct access to welded surfaces.		
N-599	Alternatives to Qualification of Nondestructive Examination Personnel for Inservice Inspection of Metal (Class MC) and Concrete (Class CC) Containments, Section XI, Division 1	9/18/04	
	This Code Case may not be used when a licensee updates to the 1992 or later Edition of Section XI that requires the use of ANSI/ASNT CP-189, "Standard for Qualification and Certification of Nondestructive Testing Personnel" (Ref. 10).		
N-630	Alternatives to VT-1C and VT-3C Visual Examination for Inservice Inspection of Concrete and VT-1 Visual Examination for Inservice Inspection of Anchorage Hardware and Surrounding Concrete for Concrete Containments, Section XI, Division 1	4/8/02	
	The Responsible Engineer's written practice must define qualification requirements for concrete and tendon hardware examination personnel in accordance with IWA-2300 in lieu of the Owner defined qualification requirements specified in Paragraph (c) of the Code Case. However, limited certification in accordance with IWA-2350 is permitted.		

5. Code Cases That Have Been Superseded

Table 5 lists Code Cases that have been superseded by revision. The third column of the table indicates the date on which each Code Case was superseded. Note: Some of these Code Cases were not approved for use by the NRC in previous versions of this guide.

Table 5. Section XI Code Cases That Have Been Superseded

Code Case Number	Table 5 Section XI Code Cases That Have Been Superseded	Date
N-113 (1731)	Basic Calibration Block for Ultrasonic Examination of Weld 10 in. To 14 in. Thick, Section XI, Division 1	N-113-1 Published on 12/31/82
N-236	Repair and Replacement of Class MC Vessels, Section XI, Division 1	N-236-1 Published on 9/5/85
	(a) In paragraph 1.0(a), second sentence, the phrase, "while the plant is not in service," refers to a refueling outage.	
	(b) In paragraph 1.0(a), third sentence, the phrase, "the next scheduled plant outage," refers to the next scheduled refueling outage.	
	For clarification, "Repair and Replacement of Class MC Vessels" means Repair and Replacement of Class MC Vessels and Components (systems). Acceptance of this Code Case in no way provides/constitutes NRC approval to violate the technical specification or any NRC requirements with regard to breach of containment during repair and replacement procedures while the plant is in operation.	
	Where a numbered Code paragraph is not identified by a particular edition of the Code, the Code in effect at the time of the ASME meeting (November 3, 1978) that approved the Code Case should be governing.	
N-307 N-307-1 N-307-2	Revised Ultrasonic Examination Volume for Class 1 Bolting, Table IWB-2500-1, Examination Category B-G-1, When the Examinations Are Conducted from the Center-Drilled Hole, Section XI, Division 1	N-307-1 Published on 12/5/84 N-307-2 Published on 9/24/99 N-307-3 Published on 3/28/01
N-335	Rules for Ultrasonic Examination of Similar and Dissimilar Metal Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	N-335-1 Published on 6/20/85
N-375 N-375-1	Rules for Ultrasonic Examination of Bolds and Studs, Section XI, Division 1	N-375-1 Published on 4/14/83; N-375-2 Published on 4/5/84

Code Case Number		
N-389	Alternative Rules for Repairs, Replacements, or Modifications, Section XI, Division 1	N-389-1 Published on 12/9/93
	The applicant should submit for approval the appropriate edition and addenda of the Code that is to be used for the repair, replacement, or modification before the start of the work.	
N-401	Eddy Current Examination, Section XI, Division 1 N-401-1 Pul 5/4/5	
N-402	Eddy Current Calibration Standards, Section XI, Division 1	N-402-1 Published on 3/14/91
N-408	Alternative Rules for Examination of Class 2 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-408-1 Published on 3/8/89
N-408-1 N-408-2	Alternative Rules for Examination of Class 2 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-408-2 Published on 7/24/89
	The applicant for an operating license should define the Class 2 piping subject to volumetric and surface examination in the Preservice Inspection for determination of acceptability by the NRC staff.	N-408-3 Published on 8/9/93
N-409	Procedure and Personnel Qualification Requirements for Ultrasonic Detection and Sizing of Flaws in Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	
N-409-1 N-409-2	Procedure and Personnel Qualification Requirements for Ultrasonic Detection and Sizing of Flaws in Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	N-409-2 Published on 7/27/88; N-409-3 Published on
	The applicant should give prior notification to the NRC of the intention to use the Code Case.	4/30/93
N-416 N-416-1 N-416-2	Alternative Pressure Test Requirements for Welded Repairs or Installation of Replacement Items by Welding, Class 1, 2, and 3, Section XI, Division 1	N-416-1 Published on 2/15/94 N-416-2 Published on 5/5/00 N-416-3 Published on 7/7/01
N-429 N-429-1	Alternative Rules for Ultrasonic Instrument Calibration, Section XI, Division 1	N-429-1 Published on 2/23/87; N-429-2 Published on 7/27/92
N-432	Repair Welding Using Automatic or Machine Gas Tungsten-Arc Welding (GTAW) Temper Bead Technique, Section XI, Division 1 N-432-1 Publish 3/28/01	
N-435	Alternative Examination Requirements for Vessels With Wall Thickness 2 in. Or Less, Section XI, Division 1 N-435-1 Publis 7/30/86	
N-436	Alternative Methods for Evaluation of Flaws in Austenitic Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-436-1 Published on 12/7/87

Code Case Number	Table 5 Section XI Code Cases That Have Been Superseded	Date
N-458	Magnetic Particle Examination of Coated Materials, Section XI, Division 1	N-458-1 Published on 3/14/95
N-461	Alternative Rules for Piping Calibration Block Thickness, Section XI, Division 1	N-461-1 Published on 3/14/95
N-463	Evaluation Procedures and Acceptance Criteria for Flaws in Class 1 Ferritic Piping That Exceed the Acceptance Standards of IWB-3514.2, Section XI, Division 1	N-463-1 Published on 3/5/90
N-479	Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Main Steam Hydrostatic Test, Section XI, Division 1	N-479-1 Published on 12/3/90
N-485	Eddy Current Examination of Coated Ferritic Surfaces as an Alternative to Surface Examination, Section XI, Division 1	N-485 Published on 8/14/91
N-490	Alternative Vision Test Requirements for Nondestructive Examiners, Section XI, Divisions 1, 2, and 3	N-490-1 Published on 5/13/91
N-491 N-491-1	Alternative Rules for Examination of Class 1, 2, 3, and MC Component Supports of Light-Water Cooled Power Plants, Section XI, Division 1	N-491-1 Published on 4/30/93; N-491-2 Published on 3/12/97
N-494 N-494-1 N-494-2	Pipe Specific Evaluation Procedures and Acceptance Criteria for Flaws in Class 1 Ferritic Piping that Exceed the Acceptance Standards of IWB-3514.2, Section XI, Division 1	N-494-1 Published on 7/27/92; N-494-2 Published on 12/9/93 N-494-3 Published on 8/9/96
N-496 N-496-1	Helical-Coil Threaded Inserts, Section XI, Division 1	N-496-1 Published on 5/11/94; N-496-1 Annulled on 5/11/97 N-496-2 Published on 9/18/01
N-498 N-498-1 N-498-2 N-498-3	Alternative Rules for 10-Year System Hydrostatic Testing for Class 1, 2, and 3 Systems, Section XI, Division 1	N-498-1 Published on 5/11/94 N-498-2 Published on 6/9/95 N-498-3 Published on 5/20/98 N-498-4 Published on 2/15/99
N-504 N-504-1 N-504-2	Alternative Rules for Repair of Class 1, 2, and 3 Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-504-1 Published on 8/9/93 N-504-2 Published on 3/12/97 N-504-3 Published on 8/4/04

Code Case Number	Table 5 Section XI Code Cases That Have Been Superseded	Date	
N-508 N-508-1 N-508-2	Rotation of Serviced Snubbers and Pressure Relief Valves for the Purpose of Testing, Section XI, Division 1	N-508-1 Published on 5/11/94 N-508-2 Published on 3/28/01 N-508-3 Published on 11/18/03	
N-512	Assessment of Reactor Vessels With Low Upper Shelf Charpy Impact Energy Levels, Section XI, Division 1	N-512-1 Published on 8/24/95	
N-513	Evaluation Criteria for Temporary Acceptance of Flaws in Class 3 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-513-1 Published on 3/28/01	
N-513-1	Evaluation Criteria for Temporary Acceptance of Flaws in Class 3 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-513-2 Published on 2/20/04	
	 Specific safety factors in paragraph 4.0 must be satisfied. Code Case N-513 may not be applied to: (a) Components other than pipe and tube. (b) Leakage through a gasket. (c) Threaded connections employing nonstructural seal welds for leakage prevention (through seal weld leakage is nota structural flaw; thread integrity must be maintained). (d) Degraded socket welds 		
N-516 N-516-1	Underwater Welding, Section XI, Division 1	N-516-1 Published on 12/31/96;	
	When welding is to be performed on high neutron fluence Class 1 material, then a mockup, using material with similar fluence levels, should be welded to verify that adequate crack prevention measures were used.	N-516-2 Published on 1/17/00	
N-516-2	Underwater Welding, Section XI, Division 1	N-516-3 Published on	
	Licensees must obtain NRC approval in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3) regarding the method to be used in the weld repair or replacement of irradiated material underwater.	4/8/02	
N-517	Quality Assurance Program Requirements for Owners, Section XI, Division 1	N-517-1 Published on 7/30/98	
N-523 N-523-1	Mechanical Clamping Devices for Class 2 and 3 Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-523-1 Published on 8/24/95 N-523-2 Published on 10/2/00	
N-528	Purchase, Exchange, or Transfer of Material Between Nuclear Plant Sites, Section XI, Division 1	N-528-1 Published on 5/7/99	

Code Case Number	Table 5 Section XI Code Cases That Have Been Superseded	Date
N-532 N-532-1 N-532-2 N-532-3	Alternative Requirements to Repair and Replacement Documentation Requirements and Inservice Summary Report Preparation and Submission as Required by IWA-4000 and IWA-6000, Section XI, Division 1	N-532-1 Published on 3/28/01 N-532-2 Published on 7/23/02 N-532-3 Published on 2/20/04 N-532-4 Published on 4/19/06
N-533	Alternative Requirements for VT-2 Visual Examination of Class 1 Insulated Pressure-Retaining Bolted Connections, Section XI, Division 1	N-533-1 Published 2/26/99
N-553	Inservice Eddy Current Surface Examination of Pressure Retaining Pipe Welds and Nozzle-to-Safe End Welds, Section XI, Division 1	N-553-1 Published on 3/28/01
N-554 N-554-1 N-554-2	Alternative Requirements for Reconciliation of Replacement Items, Section XI, Division 1	N-554-1 Published on 7/98E; N-554-2 Published on 2/25/00 N-554-3 Published on 2/14/03
N-557	In-Place Dry Annealing of a PWR Nuclear Reactor Vessel, Section XI, Division 1	N-557-1 Published on 12/31/96
N-560 N-560-1	Alternative Examination Requirements for Class 1, Category B-J Piping Welds, Section XI, Division 1	N-560-1 Published on 8/9/96; N-560-2 Published on 3/28/00
N-561	Alternative Requirements for Wall Thickness Restoration of Class 2 and High Energy Class 3 Carbon Steel Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-561-1 Published on 7/30/98
N-562	Alternative Requirements for Wall Thickness Restoration of Class 3 Moderate Energy Carbon Steel Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-562-1 Published on 7/30/98
N-566 N-566-1	Corrective Action for Leakage Identified at Bolted Connections, Section XI, Division 1	N-566-1 Published on 2/15/99 N-566-2 Published on 3/28/01
N-567	Alternative Requirements for Class 1, 2, and 3 Replacement Components, Section XI, Division 1	N-567-1 Published on 2/26/99
N-569	Alternative Rules for Repair by Electrochemical Deposition of Class 1 and 2 Steam Generator Tubing, Section XI, Division 1	N-569-1 Published on 5/7/99
N-576	Repair of Class 1 and 2 SB-163, UNS N06600 Steam Generator Tubing, Section XI, Division 1	N-576-1 Published on 5/7/99
N-577	Risk-Informed Requirements for Class 1, 2, and 3 Piping, Method A, Section XI, Division 1	N-577-1 Published on 3/28/00

Code Case Number	Table 5 Date Section XI Code Cases That Have Been Superseded		
N-578	Risk-Informed Requirements for Class 1, 2, and 3 Piping, N-578-1 Published B, Section XI, Division 1 3/28/00		
N-586	Alternative Additional Examination Requirements for Class 1, 2, and 3 Piping, Components, and Supports, Section XI, Division 1	N-586-1 Published on 5/4/04	
	The engineering evaluations addressed under Item (a) and the additional examinations addressed under Item (b) shall be performed during this outage. If the additional examinations performed under Item (b) reveal indications exceeding the applicable acceptance criteria of Section XI, the engineering evaluations and the examinations shall be further extended to include additional evaluations and examinations at this outage.		
N-589	Class 3 Nonmetallic Cured-in-Place Piping, Section XI, Division 1	N-589-1 Published on 7/23/02	
N-597 N-597-1	Requirements for Analytical Evaluation of Pipe Wall Thinning, Section XI, Division 1 N-597-1 Pub 7/7/0 N-597-2 Pub 11/18/		
N-606	Similar and Dissimilar Metal Welding Using Ambient Temperature Machine GTAW Temper Bead Technique, Section XI, Division 1 N-606-1 Publication 9/24/99		
N-638	Similar and Dissimilar Metal Welding Using Ambient Temperature Machine GTAW Temper Bead Technique, Section XI, Division 1	N-638-1 Published on 5/9/03	
	The Construction Code of Record acceptance criteria must used for volumetric examinations.		
N-643 N-643-1	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate Curves for Ferritic Steels in PWR Water Environment, Section XI, Division 1	N-643-1 Published on 2/3/03 N-643-2 Published on 5/4/04	
N-648	Alternative Requirements for Inner Radius Examination of Class 1 Reactor Vessel Nozzles, Section XI, Division 1	N-648-1 Published on 7/7/01	
N-652	Alternative Requirements to Categorize B-G-1, B-G-2, and C-D Bolting Examination Methods and Selection Criteria, Section XI, Division 1	N-652-1 Published on 2/20/04	
N-694	Evaluation Procedure and Acceptance Criteria for PWR Reactor Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles, Section XI, Division 1	N-694-1 Published on 2/20/04	

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The purpose of this section is to provide information to applicants and licensees regarding the NRC staff's plans for using this regulatory guide. The requirements addressing implementation of Section XI Code Cases are contained in 10 CFR 50.55a(b)(4). No backfit is intended or approved in connection with the issuance of this guide.

Except when an applicant or licensee proposes or has previously established an acceptable alternative method for complying with specified portions of the NRC's regulations, the methods described in this guide will be used in evaluating (1) submittals in connection with applications for construction permits, design approvals, design certifications, operating licenses, and combined licenses, and (2) submittals from operating reactor licensees who voluntarily propose to initiate system modifications that have a clear nexus with this guidance.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS

A separate regulatory analysis was not prepared for this regulatory guide. The regulatory basis for this guide is the regulatory analysis prepared for the amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and Standards" (Ref. 11), which incorporates this regulatory guide by reference.

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APPENDIX A

SUPPLEMENTS ADDRESSED IN PROPOSED REVISION 15 OF REGULATORY GUIDE 1.147

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2001	7	February 3, 2002
2001	8	February 14, 2003
2001	9	May 9, 2003
2001	10	June 17, 2003
2001	11	November 18, 2003
2001	12	February 20, 2004
2004	1	May 4, 2004
¹ BNCS = ASME Board on Nuclear Codes and Standards		

Publication of supplements approximately 6 months after BNCS approval.

APPENDIX B

NUMERICAL LISTING OF SECTION XI CODE CASES IN SUPPLEMENT 7 THROUGH SUPPLEMENT 12 TO THE 2001 EDITION, AND SUPPLEMENT 1 TO THE 2004 EDITION

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N-311	N-600
N-322	N-601
N-334	N-603
N-416-3	N-604
N-432-1	N-605
N-460	N-609
N-465-1 ¹	$N-615^{1}$
N-473-1 ¹	N-618-1
N-481	N-638-1
N-485-1	N-641
N-490-1	N-643-1
N-491-2	N-643-2
N-503	N-647
N-504-2	N-648-1
N-508-3	N-649
N-513-2	N-651
N-517-1	N-652-1
N-523-2	N-653 ¹
N-532-3	N-665
N-534	N-683
N-537	N-685
N-545	N-686
N-546	N-691 ¹
N-553-1	N-694-1
N-554-3	N-695
$N-560-2^1$	N-696
N-561-1 ¹	N-697
N-562-1 ¹	N-700
N-566-2	$N-702^{1}$
N-568	
N-573	
N-574 ¹	
$N-575^1$	
N-577-1 ¹	
N-578-1 ¹	
N-583	
N-586-1	
N-587 ¹	
N-588	
N-592	
N-593	
N-597-2	
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APPENDIX C

NUMERICAL LISTING OF SECTION XI CODE CASES AND TABLE WHERE EACH CODE CASE IS LISTED

N-34 [T3]	N-401 [T5]	N-460 [T1]	N-504-2 [T5]
N-72 [T3]	N-401-1 [T3]	N-461 [T5]	$N-504-3 [T1]^3$
N-73 [T3]	N-402 [T5]	N-461-1 [T3]	N-508 [T5]
N-98 [T3]	N-402-1 [T3]	N-463 [T5]	N-508-1 [T5]
N-112 [T3]	N-406 [T3]	N-463-1 [T3]	N-508-2 [T5]
N-113 [T5]	N-408 [T5]	N-465 ¹	N-508-3 [T1]
N-113-1 [T3]	N-408-1 [T5]	N-465-1 ¹	N-509 [T4]
N-118 [T4]	N-408-2]T5]	N-471 [T1]	N-512 [T5]
N-167 [T3]	N-408-3 [T3]	N-472 [T3]	N-512-1 [T4]
N-198-1 [T3]	N-409 [T5]	N-473 ¹	N-513 [T5]
N-210 [T4]	N-409-1 [T5]	N-473-1 ¹	N-513-1 [T5]
N-211 [T3]	N-409-2 [T5]	N-478 [T3]	N-513-2 [T1]
N-216 [T3]	N-409-3 [T3]	N-479 [T5]	N-514 [T3]
N-234 [T3]	N-415 [T3]	N-479-1 [T3]	N-515 [T3]
N-235 [T3]	N-416 [T5]	$N-480^1$	N-516 [T5]
N-236 [T5]	N-416-1 [T5]	N-481 [T3]	N-516-1 [T5]
N-236-1 [T3]	N-416-2 [T5]	N-485 [T5]	N-516-2 [T5]
N-252 [T4]	N-416-3 [T1]	N-485-1 [T3]	N-516-3 [T2]
N-278 [T4]	N-419 [T3]	N-489 [T3]	N-517 [T5]
N-288 [T3]	N-424 [T3]	N-490 [T5]	N-517-1 [T1]
N-306 [T3]	N-426 [T3]	N-490-1 [T3]	N-521 [T3]
N-307 [T5]	N-427 [T3]	N-491 [T5]	N-522 [T1]
N-307-1 [T5]	N-429 [T5]	N-491-1 [T5]	N-523 [T5]
N-307-2 [T5]	N-429-1 [T5]	N-491-2 [T1]	N-523-1 [T5]
N-307-3 [T1]	N-429-2 [T3]	N-494 [T5]	N-523-2 [T3]
N-308 [T3]	N-432 [T5]	N-494-1 [T5]	N-524 [T3]
N-311 [T3]	N-432-1 [T1]	N-494-2 [T5]	N-526 [T1]
N-322 [T3]	N-435 [T5]	N-494-3 [T1]	N-528 [T5]
N-323-1 ¹	N-435-1 [T3]	N-495 [T3]	N-528-1 [T2]
N-334 [T1]	N-436 [T5]	N-496 [T5]	N-532 [T5]
N-335 [T5]	N-436-1 [T3]	N-496-1 [T3] [T5]	N-532-1 [T5]
N-335-1 [T3]	N-437 [T3]	N-496-2 [T1]	N-532-2 ¹ T[5]
N-343 [T3]	N-444 [T3]	N-498 [T5]	N-532-3 [T5]
N-355 [T3]	N-445 [T3]	N-498-1 ¹ [T5]	N-532-4 [T1] ²
N-356 [T3]	N-446 [T3]	N-498-2 ¹ [T5]	N-533 [T5]
N-375 [T5]	N-448 [T3]	N-498-3 ¹ [T5]	N-533-1 [T2]
N-375-1 [T5]	N-449 [T3]	N-498-4 [T2]	N-534 [T1]
N-375-2 [T3]	N-457 [T3]	N-503 [T3]	N-535 [T3]
N-389 [T5]	N-458 [T5]	N-504 [T5]	N-537 [T1]
N-389-1 [T3]	N-458-1 [T3]	N-504-1 [T5]	N-538 [T3]

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N-546 [T4]	N-597-2 [T2]	N-686 [T1]
N-547 ¹	N-598 [T3]	N-691 ¹
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N-556 [T3]	N-609 [T1]	N-706 [T1] ⁴
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N-562 ¹ [T5]	N-619 [T2]	
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N-563 [T3]	N-623 [T1]	
N-566 [T5]	N-624 [T1]	
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N-567 [T5]	N-630 [T4]	
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N-576-1 [T2]	N-647 [T2]	
N-577 ¹ [T5]	N-648 [T5]	
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N-578 ¹ [T5]	N-649 [T1]	
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N-587 ¹	N-654 ¹	
N-588 [T3]	N-658 [T1]	
N-589 ¹ [T5]	N-660 [T2]	
N-589-1 ¹	N-661 [T2]	
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