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The ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Standards Committee took action to eliminate Code Case expiration dates effective March 11, 2005. This means that all Code Cases listed in this Supplement and beyond will remain available for use until annulled by the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Standards Committee.

Case N-765
Alternative to Inspection Interval Scheduling
Requirements of IWA-2430
Section XI, Division 1

Inquiry: What alternative to the requirement of IWA-2430(d) [1989 Edition through the 2004 Edition with the 2006 Addenda] or IWA-2430(c) [2007 Edition through the 2007 Edition with the 2008 Addenda] may be used to modify the schedule for inspection intervals for Inspection Program B [1989 Edition through the 2004 Edition with the 2006 Addenda] and the Inspection Program of IWA-2431 [2007 Edition through the 2007 Edition with the 2008 Addenda]?

Reply: It is the opinion of the Committee that the following may be used as an alternative to the requirement of IWA-2430(d) for Inspection Program B [1989 Edition through the 2004 Edition with the 2006 Addenda] and IWA-2430(c) for the Inspection Program of IWA-2431 [2007 Edition through the 2007 Edition with the 2008 Addenda].

Inspection intervals shall conform to the requirements of Inspection Program B (1989 Edition through the 2004 Edition with the 2006 Addenda) or the Inspection Program

of IWA-2431 (2007 Edition through the 2007 Edition with the 2008 Addenda) and the following:

(a) Each inspection interval may be extended by as much as one year, and may be reduced without restriction, provided the examinations required for the interval have been completed. Successive intervals shall not extend more than one year beyond the original pattern of ten-year intervals, and shall not exceed eleven years in length. For extended intervals, neither the start and end dates nor the inservice inspection program for the successive interval need be revised.

(b) Examinations may be performed to satisfy the requirements of an extended interval in conjunction with examinations performed to satisfy the requirements of the successive interval. However, an examination performed to satisfy requirements of either the extended interval or the successive interval shall not be credited to both intervals.

(c) That portion of an inspection interval described as an inspection period may be extended by as much as one year, and may be reduced without restriction, provided the examinations required for that period have been completed. This adjustment shall not alter the requirements for scheduling inspection intervals.

(d) The inspection interval for which an examination was performed shall be identified on examination records.

The Committee's function is to establish rules of safety, relating only to pressure integrity, governing the construction of boilers, pressure vessels, transport tanks and nuclear components, and inservice inspection for pressure integrity of nuclear components and transport tanks, and to interpret these rules when questions arise regarding their intent. This Code does not address other safety issues relating to the construction of boilers, pressure vessels, transport tanks and nuclear components, and the inservice inspection of nuclear components and transport tanks. The user of the Code should refer to other pertinent codes, standards, laws, regulations or other relevant documents.