I. General (Reference Section 1)
This operating guide provides specific information related to the BPV III Committee on Construction of Nuclear Facility Components (III), hereafter referred to as the BPV III Committee, and provides guidance on its practices and procedural preferences.

II. Charter (Reference Section 1)
The Charter of the Committee(s) is as follows:
To develop, review, and maintain, for publication in Section III of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, rules governing the construction of: Division 1 vessels, storage tanks, piping, pumps, valves, metal containments, supports, and core support structures; Division 2 concrete containment vessels with metallic liners; Division 3 storage and transportation containments and their internal support structures for spent fuel and high-level radioactive material and waste; Division 4 components for fusion devices; and Division 5 (high temperature reactors) vessels, storage tanks, piping, pumps, valves, supports, core support structures and nonmetallic core components for use in nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities. Construction, as used in this charter, is an all-inclusive term that includes material, design, fabrication, installation, examination, testing, overpressure protection, inspection, stamping, and certification. These rules focus on assuring the pressure boundary integrity and the structural integrity, as applicable, of the component or item being constructed.

III. Standards Committee Membership
Number of Consensus Body Members (Reference Para. 3.3)
The Committee:
☒ prefers to operate with no more than [40] members.
☐ does not have a preferred upper limit on the number of its members

☐ prefers to operate with no fewer than [#] members.
☒ does not have a preferred lower limit on the number of its members

Additional Preferences for Number of Consensus Body Members:

Membership Duties (Reference Para. 3.3.1.1.1)
Members, their alternates, or their representatives are expected to be in attendance and participate in not less than 50% of all scheduled meetings of the standards committee.
Members or their alternates are expected to participate on not less than 75% of all standards committee ballots.

Additional Preferences for Ballot Participation: Ballot metric is generally based on a 1 year interval.

**Interest Categories (Reference Para. 3.3.1.1.2)**
Members of the Committee are typically identified by the following interest categories (See Appendix 2 for the definition of each interest category):
☒ AA Constructor
☒ AB Designer
☒ AC Designer/Constructor
☐ AD Distributor
☐ AE Employee/Union Interest
☒ AF General Interest
☐ AG Installer
☒ AH Insurance/Inspection
☒ AI Laboratory/Testing
☒ AK Manufacturer
☒ AM Material Manufacturer
☒ AO Owner
☐ AP Pipeline Operator/Owner
☐ AR Oil Refining/Production
☒ AT Regulatory
☒ AV Trainer/Educator
☐ AW User
☐ AX Utility
☐ AY Government
☐ CA Producer – Airframe/Power Plant
☐ CM Chemical Manufacturing
☐ DE Design/Engineering
☐ GS Gage Manufacturer
☐ MC Cast Boiler Manufacturer
☐ MH Water Heater Manufacturer
☐ MW Wrought Boiler Manufacturer
☐ OP Pressure Relief Device Manufacturer
☐ PP Petroleum Production
☐ PR Petroleum Refining
☐ RM Repair Manufacturing
☐ SP Standards Development Organization

Additional Guidance for Interest Categories:
Change in Interest Category (Reference Para. 3.3.1.2(d))
When a member’s interest category changes that does not result in an imbalance, the Committee prefers to:
☐ Reaffirm the member to complete the present term, under the new interest category
☐ Reappoint the member for a new full term, under the new interest category
☒ No preference

Additional Preferences for Standards Committee Membership: It is preferred Chairs of subordinate groups reporting directly to the Standards Committee be appointed to the Standards Committee as a member for a term coincident with their Subordinate group Chairman term.

If the Chair of a subordinate group is unable to represent their respective group at the standards committee, another member of that group may be appointed to the Standards Committee in their place. The term of this appointment would also be coincident with the term of the Chair of the applicable subordinate group. At the completion of this membership term, reappointment to the Standards Committee in this role, is dependent on re-election to the subordinate group.

Once the Standards Committee has determined the need for a new member, it is preferred that all candidates for nomination be discussed and vetted by the Executive Committee, who will consider all relevant factors in selecting candidates, including business interests, current technical, divisional and geographic balance, candidate qualifications and other relevant considerations.

The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the BPV III Chair, who is responsible for discussing potential membership with the candidate(s). The BPV III Chair will report back to the Executive Committee for a final selection. The BPV III Chair will present the nominated candidate(s) for approval by BPV III Committee.

IV. Subordinate Group Membership

Establishment of Subordinate Groups (Reference Para. 3.2.2.1)
Subordinate groups that do not report directly to the standards committee are typically established by:
☐ The parent committee
☒ The consensus body
☐ Not applicable

Subordinate Group Membership (Reference Section 3.4)
Membership actions for subordinate groups that report directly to the standards committee are typically approved by:
☒ The consensus body
☐ The Chair of the consensus body
☐ Not applicable
Membership actions for subordinate groups that do not report directly to the standards committee are typically approved by:
- The parent committee
- The Chair of the parent committee
☒ The consensus body
- The Chair of the consensus body
- Not applicable

Chairs and Vice Chairs of Subordinate Groups that do not report directly to the Standards Committee (Reference Para. 3.4.3.2)
Chairs and Vice Chairs of subordinate groups that do not report directly to the standards committee are typically nominated by
☒ The Chair of the parent committee
☒ Election method specified in 3.3.4.2.1.1
- Not applicable

Chairs and Vice Chairs of subordinate groups that do not report directly to the standards committee are typically appointed by:
- The parent committee
☒ The consensus body
- Not applicable

Additional Preferences for Subordinate Group Membership:

V. Standards Committee Ballot Authorization (Reference Para. 4.4.2)
The Committee prefers standards committee ballots be authorized by:
- The subordinate group responsible for the standards proposal
- An officer of the subordinate group responsible for the standards proposal
☒ An officer of the standards committee
☒ Members of the standards committee
- No Preference
VI. Interpretations

Issue of Interpretations (Reference Section 5)
Interpretations, generally, are
☐ not provided for any standards within the committee charter
☒ provided for all standards within the committee charter
☐ provided for all standards within the committee charter, except the following:

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☐ provided for only the following standards:

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Approval of Interpretations (Reference Para. 5.2)
When interpretations are issued, the Committee prefers to approve them via
☒ Consensus Body
☐ Cognizant Subordinate Group
☒ Special Committee
☐ No Preference

Additional Preferences for Interpretations: A Special Committee at a minimum is comprised of two members from the subgroup, including the subgroup Chair or their designated representative, responsible for the code paragraph(s) being interpreted, the BPV III Chair, the staff secretary and at least one of the Vice-Chairs of BPV III, who acts as the Chair of Special Committee on Interpretations and any Standards Committee members in attendance. The members representing a specific subgroup may vary from meeting to meeting.

VII. Cases

Issue of Cases (Reference Section 6)
Cases, generally, are
☐ not provided for any standard within the committee charter
☒ provided for all standards within the committee charter
☐ provided for all standards within the committee charter, except the following:
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☐ provided for only the following standards:
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Cases are typically reviewed on the following cycle: ___60 years____________________

VIII. Technically Affected Parties

Parties Outside of ASME’s Committee Structure (Reference Para. 4.4.5)
Technically affected parties outside of ASME’s committee structure are typically provided an opportunity to review and comment on proposals during:
☒ the ANSI Public Review only
☒ a third party/industry review in addition to the ANSI Public Review
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☐ a third party/industry review in addition to the ASME Public Review

Additional Preferences for Review by Parties Outside of ASME’s Committee Structure:
ASME III-2/ACI 359 Revisions will complete the entire standards approval process through ASME and records should be sent to American Concrete Institute (ACI) Technical Activities Committee (TAC) for first consideration and recirculation ballot usually during the BPV III Standards Committee ballot period.

- Disapprovals/Substantive Comments from TAC should be handled as substantive comments in accordance with ASME procedures.
- Approval with comment from TAC should be taken up as a recommendation in accordance with ASME procedures.
- TAC ballot approval date should be noted in the record.

Parties Within ASME’s Committee Structure (Reference Para. 4.4.2.1.2.2)
The committees noted below are typically affected by changes to this committee’s standards as indicated below:

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Additional Preferences Review by Parties Within ASME’s Committee Structure: Other committees may be balloted as needed for technical input and support.

IX. Additional Honors & Awards (Reference Section 8 & Appendix 4)
[Additional honors and awards information applicable to this standards committee.]

- Nuclear Standards Committee Outstanding Service Medal – This is an annual award that is handed out by the BPV III Committee to a member who exhibits exceptional service and technical contributions to the BPV III Committee. For additional guidance, refer to the Board on Nuclear Codes and Standards Operation Guide.
- Dedicated Service Award, Melvin R. Green Codes and Standards and Bernard F. Langer Medal Sector Award – For information on this type of award, refer to the Operating Procedures for ASME Codes and Standards Development Committees, Appendix 4.
- BPV Leadership Award – This award may be given to an individual that has served as an Officer of a Standards Committee or Subordinate Group following completion of their service in that role, provided that at least one full term has been served. ASME staff is responsible for tracking those individuals serving as Officers and issuing the Certificates.

X. Additional Guidance
[Committees may include in this section any additional committee specific guidance with which they would like to operate under. This section may not include any requirements and may not

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1 Committees may include conference committees.
include any deviations from the ASME Operating Procedures for Codes and Standards Development Committees.