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Case 2997

Nondestructive Examination (NDE) Personnel Eye Examination or Level I, II, or III Certification Extension Section I; Section V; Section VIII, Division 1; Section VIII, Division 2; Section VIII, Division 3; Section IX; Section X; Section XII; Section III, Division 1; Section III, Division 2; Section III, Division 3; Section III, Division 5; B31

Inquiry: During the coronavirus disease pandemic (COVID-19), under what conditions may the expiration of the annual eye examination or certifications for Level I, II, or III for Nondestructive Examination (NDE) personnel be extended?

Reply: It is the opinion of the Committee that the annual eye examination or certifications for Level I, II, or III for Nondestructive Examination (NDE) personnel who have

a valid eye examination or certifications at the time of the coronavirus disease pandemic (COVID-19), may be extended, provided the following requirements are met:

(a) The Code references Section V for eye examination or certifications.

(b) The certification is valid at the time of the employment interruption.

(c) The certification is scheduled to expire during the employment interruption.

A maximum of two consecutive three-month extensions may be granted. The first extension begins at expiration of the eye examination or certification.

All other requirements of Section V shall apply for NDE personnel whose eye examination or certifications have been extended.

The provisions of this Case will expire six months after the approval date.

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.

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