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NRC AMENDS REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE SPENT FUEL STORAGE CASK DESIGN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is amending its regulations containing the list of approved spent fuel storage cask designs by adding an amended version of Certificate of Compliance Number (CoC No.) 1004 to this list. The amended version reflects a change of ownership of this certificate from VECTRA Technologies, Inc. to Transnuclear West, Inc., (TN West) as well as amendments to the certificate

Under NRC regulations, nuclear power plant licensees can use cask designs with an NRC certificate of compliance listed in the regulations to store spent fuel at the plants, under a general license and without site-specific approval.

After an opportunity for public comment, the NRC in December 1994 added the Vectra standardized NUHOMS-24P and NUHOMS-52B to the list of approved cask designs. Each NUHOMS system consists of a sealed, dry shielded canister that contains the spent fuel assemblies. A loaded canister is stored inside a ventilated, horizontal, concrete module.

The proposed changes would also reflect the transfer of the certificate of compliance from Vectra Technologies, Inc. to Transnuclear West, Inc. This action is in response to December 1997 letters from both companies describing the purchase by TN West of Vectra's intellectual properties and assets associated with the NUHOMS technology.

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