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NRC PROPOSES TO AMEND REGULATIONS TO ADD
TWO FUEL STORAGE CASKS DESIGNS TO APPROVED LIST

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing to amend its regulations to add two fuel storage cask designs to its list of those which utilities can use, under a general license and without sit-specific approval, to store spent fuel at their nuclear power plant sites.

The NRC staff has proposed certificates of compliance with the agency's safety requirements for the two casks manufactured by Pacific Sierra Nuclear Associates and Transnuclear, Inc. The staff Safety Evaluation Reports for the two designs were issued in March 1992 and July 1989 respectively. The staff also has prepared an environmental assessment and a finding of no significant impact with respect to this proposed action.

The addition of the two new designs would bring to six the total number of fuel storage casks approved for use under a general license without site-specific approval.

Written comments on the proposed amendments to Part 72 of the Commission's regulations should be received by September 9. They should be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

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