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NRC AMENDS REGULATIONS TO ADD
SIXTH FUEL STORAGE CASK DESIGN TO APPROVED LIST

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is amending its regulations to add an additional fuel storage cask design to its list of those that utilities can use, under a general license and without further NRC approval, to store spent fuel temporarily at their nuclear power plant sites.

The addition will bring to six the total number of fuel storage cask designs approved for use under a general license.

The new TN-24 design is manufactured by Transnuclear Inc., and the NRC staff issued its Safety Evaluation Report on the design in July of last year. In addition, the staff has issued a Certificate of Compliance with the agency's safety requirements and has prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact with respect to the action.

A notice of proposed rulemaking on this cask design was issued for a 75-day public comment period in June 1992. An additional 30-day comment period was provided earlier this year to give the public an opportunity to comment on additional information on the Transnuclear design that was placed in the NRC's Public Document Room in Washington, DC, and all NRC Local Public Document Rooms.

That information had previously been classified as proprietary by the cask vendor. However, the NRC's regulations stipulate that all information provided to the agency as part of a rulemaking proceeding and later used as the basis for a final rule will not be withheld from public disclosure.

The amendment to Part 72 of the Commission's regulations will become effective on November 4, 1993.