

April 1, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: J. Samuel Walker, Acting Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-069 - EXEMPTION FROM
10 CFR 72.212 AND 72.214 CONDITIONS OF USE FOR THE
VSC-24 DRY STORAGE CASK AT THE ARKANSAS NUCLEAR
ONE INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION

This is to advise you that the Commission has not objected to the staff's proposal to grant Entergy Operations, Incorporated an exemption from the applicable Part 72 general license and Certificate of Compliance conditions to store burnable poison rod assemblies in the Ventilated Storage Cask-24 system at the Arkansas Nuclear One independent spent fuel storage installation. The staff should proceed expeditiously with its plans to simplify the process for amending a Certificate of Compliance without the need for rulemaking. In the meantime, the staff should promptly consider exemption requests from other reactor sites, as was done in this case.

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