

NOTICE OF DIRECT FINAL RULE SIGNED BY EDO

OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS

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On Nov. 22, 2000, the Executive Director for Operations approved a direct final rule that amends 10 CFR 72.214, "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" revising the NAC International (NAC) Universal Storage System (NAC-UMS) cask system to include Amendment No. 1 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1015. This amendment will allow holders of power reactor operating licenses, as general licensees under Part 72, to store PWR design basis fuel assemblies in accordance with revised technical specifications and Maine Yankee site-specific spent fuel in the NAC-UMS. Amendment No. 1 includes: (1) changes to authorized contents to allow Maine Yankee site-specific spent fuels within the PWR basket, including damaged or consolidated fuel in a Maine Yankee fuel can and burnups up to 50,000 MWd/MTU; (2) changes to allow longer times for PWR spent fuel cask loading operations based on reduced heat loads; (3) authorization to store, without canning, intact PWR assemblies with missing grid spacers (up to an unsupported length of 60 inches); (4) editorial clarifications to the technical specifications (TS); and (5) deletion of a certificate reference to the NS-4-FR trade name of the solid neutron shielding material in the VCC shield plug.

This notice informs the Commission that, in accordance with the rulemaking authority delegated to the EDO, the EDO has signed this direct final rule and proposes to forward it on Nov. 30, 2000 to the Office of the Federal Register for publication, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

This direct final rule does not constitute a significant question of policy, nor does it amend regulations contained in 10 CFR Parts 7, 8, or 9 subpart C concerning matters of policy.

The direct final rule can be found in ADAMS at ML003763148.