

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS

Proposed Rule Signed by EDO

On 11/22, 2000, the Executive Director for Operations approved a proposed rule that would amend 10 CFR 72.214, "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" revising the NAC International (NAC) Universal Storage System (NAC-UMS) cask system listing with the "list of approved spent fuel storage casks." This amendment would 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 proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.

The proposed rule can be found in ADAMS at ML003763278.