

October 22, 2002

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SUBJECT: DIRECT FINAL RULE TO AMEND 10 CFR 72.214 LIST OF
APPROVED SPENT FUEL STORAGE CASKS (VSC-24,
AMENDMENT 4)

Attached, for your signature, is a direct final rule, along with the companion proposed rule (Attachments 1 and 2), amending U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations, by revising the cask system listing for the Pacific Sierra Nuclear Associates VSC-24 system. This amendment will permit a 10 CFR Part 72 licensee to store different specific fuel control elements as integral components to fuel assemblies. Also, Technical Specification (TS) 1.1.1 will be amended to change the flood condition velocity from 7.62 meters per second (m/s) [25 feet per second (ft/s)] to 5.39 m/s (17.7 ft/s); TS 1.2.1, 1.2.4, and 1.2.6 will be amended to address the additional fuel control elements approved for storage; and TS 1.2.10 will be deleted to eliminate redundant requirements for controlling moderator density. This amendment is considered to be noncontroversial because it only amends a previously approved cask system. Therefore, we are using the direct final rule approach to simplify the process and to shorten the time before the rule becomes effective.

Notices: Notices that the Executive Director for Operations has signed the Federal Register notices are provided for inclusion in the daily staff notes and the weekly report to the Commission (Attachments 3 and 4). The "Approved for Publication," the Environmental Assessment, and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act forms can be found in, respectively, Attachments 5 through 7 of this paper. The appropriate Congressional committees will be notified.

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Coordination: The Office of Administration concurs with this amendment. The Office of the General Counsel has no legal objection.

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