

February 16, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons

FROM: Luis A. Reyes **/RA/**
Executive Director for Operations.

SUBJECT: COMMISSION NOTIFICATION OF A DIRECT FINAL RULE SIGNED BY
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

On February 14, 2005, 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 Holtec International HI-STORM 100 cask system listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks." This amendment will modify the cask design to include changes to materials used in construction, changes to the types of fuel that can be loaded, changes to shielding and confinement methodologies and assumptions, revisions to various temperature limits, changes in allowable fuel enrichments, and other changes to reflect current staff guidance and use of industry codes.

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 February 14, 2005, to the Office of the Federal Register for publication, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

This 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 final rule can be found in ADAMS at ML050390267.

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