

Approved For Publication

The Commission delegated to the EDO (10 CFR 1.32(c)) the authority to develop and promulgate rules as defined in the APA (5 U.S.C. 551 (4)) subject to the limitations in NRC Management Directive 9.17, Organization and Functions, Office of the Executive Director for Operations, paragraphs 0213, 038, 039, and 0310.

The attached direct final rule entitled “List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NUHOMS® -24PT4 Revision” amends 10 CFR Part 72 by revising the Transnuclear, Inc., Standardized Advanced NUHOMS® System listing within the “List of approved spent fuel storage casks.” This amendment will add another Dry Shielded Canister, designated NUHOMS® -24PT4, to the authorized contents of the Standardized Advanced NUHOMS® System. This canister is designed to accommodate 24 intact Pressurized Water Reactor fuel assemblies with or without integral burnable poison rods or integral fuel burnable absorber rods, or up to 12 damaged fuel assemblies in lieu of an equal number of intact assemblies. It is designed for use with the existing Advanced NUHOMS® Horizontal Storage Module and transfer in the NUHOMS® OS197H transfer cask, with a maximum heat load of 24 kilowatts. Also, the rule will be amended to correct a typographical error that incorrectly states the expiration date of the Certificate of Compliance (CoC). The correct expiration date, as listed in CoC No. 1029 for the Standardized Advanced NUHOMS® System, is February 5, 2023.

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. I, therefore, find that this rule is within the scope of my rulemaking authority and am proceeding to issue it.

February 14, 2005  
Date

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Luis A. Reyes,  
Executive Director for Operations.