

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS

Proposed Rule Signed by EDO

On March 6, 2006, the Executive Director for Operations approved a proposed rule which revises 10 CFR 72.214, "List of approved spent fuel storage casks," by revising the BNG Fuel Solutions Corporation VSC-24 cask system listing to include Amendment No. 6 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1007. This amendment will revise the Technical Specification (TS) requirements related to periodic monitoring during storage operation. Specifically, the amendment eliminates TS 1.3.4 that requires daily temperature measurement of the cask. The daily temperature measurement is not required because the daily visual inspection of the cask inlet and outlet vent screens, required by TS 1.3.1, provides the capability to determine when corrective action needs to be taken to maintain safe storage conditions under the requirements in 10 CFR 72.122(h)(4). This is because the visual inspection will determine if the cask inlets and outlets were blocked (the focus of the thermal analysis submitted by the CoC holder). The amendment will also revise TS 1.2.3 to correspond with TS 1.3.1 by revising the method of thermal performance evaluation to allow for daily temperature surveillance after the cask has reached thermal equilibrium. In addition, the amendment would update editorial changes associated with the company name change from BNFL Fuel Solutions Corporation to BNG Fuel Solutions Corporation.