

NOTICE OF FINAL RULE SIGNED BY EDO

OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS

On April 13, 2006, the Executive Director for Operations approved a direct final rule that amends 10 CFR 72.214, "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" by adding the NUHOMS[®] HD cask system listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks." This direct final rule allows the holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in this approved cask system under a general license. Under the conditions specified in Certificate of Compliance 1030, the NUHOMS[®] HD cask system provides for the horizontal storage of high burnup spent pressurized water reactor fuel assemblies in a dry shielded canister that is placed in a horizontal storage module utilizing an OS187H transfer cask. The system is an improved version of the Standardized NUHOMS[®] System described in CoC 1004. The NUHOMS[®] HD System has been optimized for high thermal loads, limited space, and radiation shielding performance.

This notice informs the Commission that, under the rulemaking authority delegated to the EDO, the EDO has signed this direct final rule and proposes to forward it on April 20, 2006, 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 ML060900132.