

WEEKLY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

Direct Final Rule Signed by Acting EDO

On October 31, 2006, the Acting Executive Director for Operations approved a direct final rule which revises 10 CFR 50.68, "Criticality accident requirements," so that the requirements governing criticality control for spent fuel pool storage racks do not apply to the fuel within a spent fuel transportation package or storage cask when a package or cask is in a spent fuel pool. These packages and casks are subject to the criticality control requirements in 10 CFR Parts 71 and 72, respectively. This action is necessary to avoid applying two different sets of criticality control requirements to fuel within a package or cask in a spent fuel pool.