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 enclosed direct final rule, entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NUHOMS® HD Addition," amends 10 CFR Part 72 by adding the NUHOMS® HD cask system listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks." This addition will allow 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 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.

11/22/06
Date

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William F. Kane
Acting Executive Director for Operations