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September 23, 1999

The Honorable Joe L. Barton, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Representative Ralph M. Hall

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NMSS

3. Rule Title

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: (VSC-24) Revision

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5. Major Rule Non-major Rule

6. Final Rule Other Direct Final Rule

7. With respect to this rule, did your agency solicit public comments? Yes No N/A

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Submitted by: D/K Rath (signature)

Name: Dennis K. Rathbun

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