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MEMORANDUM TO: Donald A. Cool, Director
Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

FROM: Edward L. Halman, Director
Office of Administration 

SUBJECT: OFFICE CONCURRENCE ON DRAFT RULEMAKING PLAN ENTITLED,
"RULEMAKING PLAN: 10 CFR PART 72 - CLARIFICATION AND
ADDITION OF FLEXIBILITY"

The Office of Administration concurs on the draft rulemaking plan that amends Part 72 to allow general licensees to easily determine which sections of 10 CFR Part 72 apply to their activities. This rulemaking plan will also allow a specific licensee to use a cask listed in 10 CFR 72.214 without additional cask review or an opportunity for a hearing on cask design issues. We have attached a copy of the package that presents our comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Harrison, 415-6865 (PMH), or David Meyer, 415-7162 (DLM1), of the Office of Administration.

Attachment: As stated