

November 1, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
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FROM: Patricia K. Holahan, Chief
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SUBJECT: DIRECT FINAL RULE TO AMEND 10 CFR 72.214 LIST OF
APPROVED SPENT FUEL STORAGE CASKS (STANDARDIZED
NUHOMS® -24P, -52B, and -61BT - AMENDMENT 4)

Attached for your signature is a direct final rule along with the companion proposed rule (Attachments 1 and 2) amending U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations, by revising the cask system listing for the Transnuclear West, Inc. Standardized NUHOMS® -24P, -52B, and -61BT. Amendment No. 4 would allow the storage of low burn-up spent fuel in the NUHOMS® -24P canister. In addition, the Technical Specifications (TS) would be revised to correct administrative errors regarding the width dimension of the spent fuel. Specific changes would be made to TS 1.2.1 and 1.2.15, Tables 1-1a, 1-1b, 1-1c, 1-1d, 1-2a, and 1-2c, and Figure 1-1. The Certificate of Compliance would be revised to change the certificate holder from Transnuclear West, Inc. to Transnuclear Inc. Minor editorial changes would also be made to the Certificate of Compliance. This amendment is considered to be noncontroversial because it only amends a previously approved cask system. Therefore, we are using the direct final rule approach to simplify the process and to shorten the time before the rule becomes effective.

Notices: A notice to the Commission that the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) has signed the Federal Register notices is included for the Notice of the Final Rule Signed by the EDO and Weekly Report (Attachments 3 and 4). The Approved for Publication, the Environmental Assessment, and the SBREFA forms can be found in, respectively, Attachments 5 through 7 of this paper. The appropriate Congressional committees will be notified.

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Coordination: The Office of Administration concurs with this amendment. The Office of the General Counsel has no legal objection.

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