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SUBJECT: DIRECT FINAL RULE TO REVISE THE 10 CFR PART 72 LIST OF
APPROVED SPENT FUEL STORAGE CASKS (TN-68), AMENDMENT
NO. 1

Your concurrence is requested on the enclosed direct final rule and associated proposed rule that will revise the list of approved spent fuel storage casks (10 CFR 72.214). The staff is amending its regulations containing the list of approved spent fuel storage cask designs to add an amendment to the Transnuclear TN-68 dry storage cask system.

The cask, when used in accordance with the conditions specified in the revised Certificate of Compliance (CoC) and NRC regulations, will meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 72; thus, adequate protection of public health and safety would be ensured. The cask amendment will allow holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in the cask under the revised conditions. Amendment No. 1 to the TN-68 CoC would revise several fuel parameters that include increasing fuel burnup to 60 gigawatts-day/metric ton of uranium, increasing total cask decay heat to 30 kilowatts, increasing maximum average fuel enrichment to 4.7 weight percent uranium-235, and decreasing minimum fuel assembly cooling time to 7 years. The amendment would also add up to eight damaged fuel assemblies as authorized contents of the cask and reduce the cask spacing on the storage pad.

Since this rulemaking is an amendment to the TN-68 cask system which was previously approved, it is generally accepted by the staff as being "noncontroversial." The changes in the amendment do not negatively impact public health and safety, and therefore, we are using the direct final rule approach to shorten the time before the rule becomes effective.

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The following is a summary of this request:

1. Title: 10 CFR Part 72 - "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-68 Revision 1"
2. Task Leader: Jayne M. McCausland, FSME/DILR 415-6219
3. Working Group: Daniel T. Huang, NMSS/SFST 492-3315
 Andrew S. Pessin, OGC 415-1062
4. Steering Group: No
5. Enhanced Public Participation: No
6. Compatibility for Agreement States: No
7. Requested Action: Office Concurrence
8. Requested Completion Date: Seven calendar days after the date of this memorandum.
9. Resources and Coordination: It is anticipated that 0.45 NRC FTEs will be needed to complete this action (0.15 FSME, 0.1 NMSS, and 0.2 all other). These resources are within existing budget allocations. Copies of this concurrence package have been forwarded to ACRS, ACNW, CRGR, NRR, CFO, OIS, OE, and OIG for information. Time to review this package should be charged to TAC # JA0136.

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