

plant-specific DCD, which reflect the generic changes to the generic DCD and the plant-specific departures made pursuant to Section VIII of this appendix. These updates shall be filed in accordance with the filing requirements applicable to final safety analysis report updates in 10 CFR 50.4 and 50.71(e).

3. The reports and updates required by paragraphs B.1 and B.2 of this section must be submitted as follows:

a. On the date that an application for a license referencing this appendix is submitted, the application shall include the report and any updates to the plant-specific DCD.

b. During the interval from the date of application to the date of issuance of a license, the report and any updates to the plant-specific DCD must be submitted annually and may be submitted along with amendments to the application.

c. During the interval from the date of issuance of a license to the date the Commission makes its findings under 10 CFR 52.103(g), the report must be submitted quarterly. Updates to the plant-specific DCD must be submitted annually.

d. After the Commission has made its finding under 10 CFR 52.103(g), reports and updates to the plant-specific DCD may be submitted annually or along with updates to the site-specific portion of the final safety analysis report for the facility at the intervals required by 10 CFR 50.71(e), or at shorter intervals as specified in the license.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of December, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AG36

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: (VSC-24) Revision; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing a direct final rule that would have revised the Pacific Sierra Nuclear Associates (PSNA) VSC-24 cask system listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 1 to the Certificate of Compliance. The NRC is taking this action because it has received significant adverse comments in response to an identical proposed rule which was concurrently published with the direct final rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Turel, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6234 (E-mail: spt@nrc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 22, 1999 (64 FR 51187), the NRC published in the **Federal Register** a direct final rule amending its regulations in 10 CFR 72.214 to revise the PSNA VSC-24 cask system listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 1 to the Certificate of Compliance. Amendment No. 1 modifies the present cask system design to permit a licensee to store burnable poison rod assemblies in VSC-24 casks along with the spent fuel under the provisions of the general license issued under 10 CFR 72.210. The direct final rule was to become effective on December 6, 1999. The NRC also concurrently published an identical proposed rule on September 22, 1999 (64 FR 51270).

In the September 22, 1999, direct final rule, NRC stated that if any significant adverse comments were received, a notice of timely withdrawal of the direct final rule would be published in the **Federal Register**. As a result, the direct final rule would not take effect.

On December 3, 1999, the NRC published a document extending the effective date of the direct final rule from December 6, 1999 to January 5, 2000 (64 FR 67700). The NRC received significant adverse comments on the direct final rule; therefore, the NRC is withdrawing the direct final rule. As stated in the September 22, 1999, direct final rule, NRC will address the comments received on the September 22, 1999, companion proposed rule in a subsequent final rule. The NRC will not initiate a second comment period on this action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of December, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Acting Executive Director for Operations.

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EMERGENCY STEEL GUARANTEE LOAN BOARD

13 CFR Part 400

RIN 3004-ZA00

Loan Guarantee Decisions; Availability of Environmental Information

AGENCY: Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board.

ACTION: Interim final rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), the Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board ("Board") is adopting NEPA procedures. Environmental data or documentation concerning the use of the proceeds of any loan guaranteed under this Program must be provided by the Lender to the Board to assist the Board in meeting its legal responsibilities under NEPA. The purpose of these procedures is to ensure that environmental information is available to the Board as it makes decisions concerning applications for loan guarantees. In addition, these amendments add language to clarify the collateral and security interests necessary for each guarantee and extend the deadline for the submission of applications.

DATES: Effective Date: This rule is effective December 23, 1999.

Comments: Comments may be submitted no later than February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to: Jay E. Dittus, Executive Director, Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay E. Dittus, Executive Director, Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 219-0584.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, 40 CFR Parts 1500 to 1508, implementing the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), the Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board is adopting NEPA procedures. The NEPA process is intended to help public officials make decisions based on an understanding of the environmental consequences of their actions. The purpose of the Board's procedures is to ensure that necessary environmental information is available to the Board as it makes loan guarantee decisions.

Pursuant to the Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Program, 13 CFR 400.206, each application for a Guarantee under the Program must be accompanied by information necessary for the Board to meet the requirements of NEPA. Environmental data or documentation concerning the use of the proceeds of any loan guaranteed