

period of employment specified in the service agreement because:

(1) The employee is separated involuntarily on account of misconduct; or

(2) The employee leaves the agency voluntarily.

(c) If an employee fails to reimburse the agency for the amount owed under paragraph (a) of this section, a sum equal to the amount outstanding must be recovered from the employee under the agency's regulations for collection by offset from an indebted Government employee under 5 U.S.C. 5514 and Subpart K of part 550 of this chapter, or through the appropriate provisions governing debt collection if the individual is no longer a Federal employee.

(d) Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply when the employee fails to complete a period of employment established under a service agreement because:

(1) The employee is involuntarily separated for reasons other than misconduct; or

(2) The employee leaves the agency voluntarily to enter into the service of any other agency, unless repayment is otherwise specified in the service agreement.

(e) The head of an agency may waive, in whole or in part, a right of recovery of an employee's debt if he or she determines that recovery would be against equity and good conscience or against the public interest.

(f) Any amount repaid, or recovered from, an employee under this section will be credited to the appropriation account from which the amount involved was originally paid. Any amount so credited will be merged with other sums in such account and will be available for the same purposes and period, and subject to the same limitations (if any), as the sums with which merged.

#### § 537.110 Records.

Each agency must keep a record of each determination made under this part and make such records available for review upon request from OPM. These records may be destroyed after 3 years or after the program has been formally evaluated by OPM (whichever comes first).

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AG34

#### List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized NUHOMS®-24 and NUHOMS®-52B Revision

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations revising the Transnuclear West (TN West), Inc., Standardized NUHOMS®-24P and -52B cask system (NUHOMS® storage system) listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" to include Amendment No. 2 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC), No. 1004. Amendment No. 2 will make two main changes: it will update the Technical Specifications' fuel qualification tables to reflect additional fuel parameters; and it will allow storage of burnable poison rod assemblies (BPRAs) in model 24P of the NUHOMS® storage system, along with the spent fuel. Amendment No. 2 will also revise and renumber several of the conditions in the CoC to reflect the NRC's new standard format for CoCs. However, no technical changes to the CoC's conditions will be made by this amendment. This amendment will allow holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in the TN West NUHOMS® storage system, as amended, under a general license.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before July 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website (<http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>). This site provides the capability to upload comments as files (any format) if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

Certain documents related to this rule, including comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level),

Washington, DC. These same documents may also be viewed and downloaded electronically via the rulemaking website.

Documents created or received at the NRC after April 1, 2000 are also available electronically at the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agency wide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. For more information, contact the NRC's Public Document Room reference Staff at (202) 634-3273 or toll free at 1-800-397-4209, or by e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie P. Bush-Goddard, Ph.D., telephone (301) 415-6257, e-mail, [SPB@nrc.gov](mailto:SPB@nrc.gov), of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the Direct Final Rule published in the final rules section of this **Federal Register**.

#### Procedural Background

Because the NRC considers this action noncontroversial and routine, we are publishing this proposed rule concurrently as a direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective on September 5, 2000. However, if the NRC receives significant adverse comments on the direct final rule by July 24, 2000, then the NRC will publish a withdrawal of the direct final rule. If the direct final rule is withdrawn, the NRC will address the comments received in response to the proposed revisions in a subsequent final rule. Absent significant modifications to the proposed revisions requiring republication, the NRC will not initiate a second comment period for this action if the direct final rule is withdrawn.

#### List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 72

Criminal penalties, Manpower training programs, Nuclear materials, Occupational safety and health, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Spent fuel.

For the reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended; the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended; and 5 U.S.C. 553; the NRC is proposing to adopt the following amendments to 10 CFR part 72.

**PART 72—LICENSING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
INDEPENDENT STORAGE OF SPENT  
NUCLEAR FUEL AND HIGH-LEVEL  
RADIOACTIVE WASTE**

1. The authority citation for Part 72 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Secs. 51, 53, 57, 62, 63, 65, 69, 81, 161, 182, 183, 184, 186, 187, 189, 68 Stat. 929, 930, 932, 933, 934, 935, 948, 953, 954, 955, as amended, sec. 234, 83 Stat. 444, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2071, 2073, 2077, 2092, 2093, 2095, 2099, 2111, 2201, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2282); sec. 274, Pub. L. 86–373, 73 Stat. 688, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2021); sec. 201, as amended, 202, 206, 88 Stat. 1242, as amended, 1244, 1246 (42 U.S.C. 5841, 5842, 5846); Pub. L. 95–601, sec. 10, 92 Stat. 2951 as amended by Pub. L. 10d—48b, sec. 7902, 10b Stat. 31b3 (42 U.S.C. 5851); sec. 102, Pub. L. 91–190, 83 Stat. 853 (42 U.S.C. 4332); secs. 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 141, Pub. L. 97–425, 96 Stat. 2229, 2230, 2232, 2241, sec. 148, Pub. L. 100–203, 101 Stat. 1330–235 (42 U.S.C. 10151, 10152, 10153, 10155, 10157, 10161, 10168).

Section 72.44(g) also issued under secs. 142(b) and 148(c), (d), Pub. L. 100–203, 101 Stat. 1330–232, 1330–236 (42 U.S.C. 10162(b), 10168(c),(d)). Section 72.46 also issued under sec. 189, 68 Stat. 955 (42 U.S.C. 2239); sec. 134, Pub. L. 97–425, 96 Stat. 2230 (42 U.S.C. 10154). Section 72.96(d) also issued under sec. 145(g), Pub. L. 100–203, 101 Stat. 1330–235 (42 U.S.C. 10165(g)). Subpart J also issued under secs. 2(2), 2(15), 2(19), 117(a), 141(h), Pub. L. 97–425, 96 Stat. 2202, 2203, 2204, 2222, 2244, (42 U.S.C. 10101, 10137(a), 10161(h)). Subparts K and L are also issued under sec. 133, 98 Stat. 2230 (42 U.S.C. 10153) and sec. 218(a), 96 Stat. 2252 (42 U.S.C. 10198).

2. In § 72.214, Certificate of Compliance (CoC) 1004 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 72.214 List of approved spent fuel storage casks.**

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Certificate Number: 1004.

Initial Certificate Effective Date: January 23, 1995.

Amendment No. 1 Effective Date: April 27, 2000.

Amendment No. 2 Effective Date: September 5, 2000.

SAR Submitted by: Transnuclear West, Inc.

SAR Title: Transnuclear West, Inc., “Final Safety Analysis Report for the Standardized NUHOMS® Horizontal Modular Storage System for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel”.

Docket Number: 72–1004.

Certificate Expiration Date: January 23, 2015.

Model Number: Standardized NUHOMS®–24P and NUHOMS®–52B.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of May, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**William D. Travers,**  
*Executive Director for Operations.*  
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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION**

**10 CFR Part 72**

**RIN 3150–AG55**

**List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage  
Casks: VSC–24 Revision**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations revising the Pacific Sierra Nuclear Associates (PSNA) VSC–24 cask system listing within the “List of approved spent fuel storage casks” to include Amendment No. 2 to the Certificate of Compliance (CoC). Amendment No. 2 will revise the Technical Specifications and CoC regarding welding and nondestructive examination of welds, the method for determining cask drain time during loading, the minimum temperature for moving the loaded multi-assembly sealed basket (MSB), artificial thermal loads other than spent fuel that may be used to obtain temperature data, and the maximum permissible air outlet temperature. In addition, the amendment includes changes to the Technical Specifications and CoC to correct typographical errors and to make other minor clarifications and changes. This amendment will allow the holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in the VSC–24 cask system, as amended, under a general license.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before July 24, 2000.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gordon Gundersen, telephone (301) 415–6195, e-mail, [GEG1@nrc.gov](mailto:GEG1@nrc.gov) of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

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