and by revising paragraphs (a)(2)(iv) and (b)(2)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 1467.11 Easement and 30-year contract participation requirements.

(a) * * * (2) * * *

(iv) The right to restore, protect, enhance, maintain, and manage activities on the easement area.

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(b) * * * (2) * * *

(iii) The right to restore, protect, enhance, maintain, and manage activities on the enrolled area.

■ 6. Section 1467.12 is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1467.12 The WRPO development.

(b) * * * NRCS will review, revise, and supplement the WRPO as needed throughout the duration of the enrollment to ensure that program goals are fully and effectively achieved.

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Signed this 26th day of May 2009, in Washington, DC.

Virginia (Ginger) L. Murphy,

Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation and Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AI60

[NRC-2009-0132]

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI–STORM 100 Revision 6

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory

Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its spent fuel storage regulations by revising the Holtec International HI—STORM 100 dry cask storage system listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 6 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) Number 1014. Amendment No. 6 will modify the CoC to add instrument tube tie rods used for pressurized water reactor 15x15 and 17x17 fuel lattices, for both intact and damaged fuel assemblies, to the

approved contents of the MPC–24, MPC–24E, MPC–24EF, MPC–32, and MPC–32F models; and to correct legacy editorial issues in Appendices A and B Technical Specifications.

DATES: The final rule is effective August 17, 2009, unless significant adverse comments are received by July 2, 2009. A significant adverse comment is a comment where the commenter explains why the rule would be inappropriate, including challenges to the rule's underlying premise or approach, or would be ineffective or unacceptable without a change. If the rule is withdrawn, timely notice will be published in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: You can access publicly available documents related to this document using the following methods:

Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for documents filed under Docket ID [NRC–2009–0132]. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher 301–492–3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

NRC's Public Document Room (PDR): The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, Public File Area O–1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville,

Marvland.

NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at http://www.nrc.gov/ reading-rm/adams.html. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209. 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. An electronic copy of the proposed Certificate of Compliance (CoC), technical specifications (TS), and preliminary safety evaluation report (SER) can be found under ADAMS Package Number ML090290140.

CoC No. 1014, the TS, the preliminary SER, and the environmental assessment are available for inspection at the NRC PDR, Public File Area O–1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Single copies of these documents may be obtained from Jayne M. McCausland, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, telephone (301) 415–

6219, e-mail Javne.McCausland@nrc.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 218(a) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended (NWPA), requires that "[t]he Secretary [of the Department of Energy (DOE)] shall establish a demonstration program, in cooperation with the private sector, for the dry storage of spent nuclear fuel at civilian nuclear power reactor sites, with the objective of establishing one or more technologies that the [Nuclear Regulatory Commission may, by rule, approve for use at the sites of civilian nuclear power reactors without, to the maximum extent practicable, the need for additional site-specific approvals by the Commission." Section 133 of the NWPA states, in part, that "[t]he Commission shall, by rule, establish procedures for the licensing of any technology approved by the Commission under Section 218(a) for use at the site of any civilian nuclear power reactor."

To implement this mandate, the NRC approved dry storage of spent nuclear fuel in NRC-approved casks under a general license by publishing a final rule in 10 CFR Part 72, which added a new Subpart K within 10 CFR Part 72, entitled "General License for Storage of Spent Fuel at Power Reactor Sites" (55 FR 29181; July 18, 1990). This rule also established a new Subpart L within 10 CFR Part 72, entitled "Approval of Spent Fuel Storage Casks," which contains procedures and criteria for obtaining NRC approval of spent fuel storage cask designs. The NRC subsequently issued a final rule on May 1, 2000 (65 FR 25241), that approved the HI-STORM 100 cask system design and added it to the list of NRC-approved cask designs in 10 CFR 72.214 as CoC No. 1014.

Discussion

On April 15, 2008, and as supplemented August 1, November 17, and November 26, 2008, the certificate holder, Holtec International (Holtec), submitted an application to the NRC that requested an amendment to CoC No. 1014. The amendment included changes to add instrument tube tie rods used for pressurized water reactor 15x15

and 17x17 fuel lattices, for both intact and damaged fuel assemblies, to the approved contents of the MPC-24, MPC-24E, MPC-24EF, MPC-32, and MPC-32F models; and to correct legacy editorial issues in Appendices A and B of the TS. As documented in the SER, the NRC staff performed a detailed safety evaluation of the proposed CoC amendment request and found that an acceptable safety margin is maintained. In addition, the NRC staff has determined that there continues to be reasonable assurance that public health and safety and the environment will be adequately protected.

This direct final rule revises the HI-STORM 100 cask system listing in 10 CFR 72.214 by adding Amendment No. 6 to CoC No. 1014. The amendment consists of the changes described above. as set forth in the revised CoC and TS. The particular TS which are changed

are identified in the SER.

The amended HI–STORM 100 cask design, when used under the conditions specified in the CoC, the TS, and NRC regulations, will meet the requirements of Part 72; thus, adequate protection of public health and safety will continue to be ensured. When this direct final rule becomes effective, persons who hold a general license under 10 CFR 72.210 may load spent nuclear fuel into HI-STORM 100 casks that meet the criteria of Amendment No. 6 to CoC No. 1014 under 10 CFR 72.212.

Discussion of Amendments by Section

Section 72.214 List of approved spent fuel storage casks.

Certificate No. 1014 is revised by adding the effective date of Amendment No. 6.

Procedural Background

This rule is limited to the changes contained in Amendment No. 6 to CoC No. 1014 and does not include other aspects of the HI-STORM 100 dry storage cask system. The NRC is using the "direct final rule procedure" to issue this amendment because it represents a limited and routine change to an existing CoC that is expected to be noncontroversial. Adequate protection of public health and safety continues to be ensured. The amendment to the rule will become effective on August 17, 2009. However, if the NRC receives any significant adverse comments on this direct final rule by July 2, 2009, then the NRC will publish a document that withdraws this action and will subsequently address any comment received in a final rule as a response to the companion proposed rule published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. Absent significant

modifications to the proposed revisions requiring republication, the NRC will not initiate a second comment period on this action.

A significant adverse comment is a comment where the commenter explains why the rule would be inappropriate, including challenges to the rule's underlying premise or approach, or would be ineffective or unacceptable without a change. A comment is adverse and significant if:

(1) The comment opposes the rule and provides a reason sufficient to require a substantive response in a notice-andcomment process. For example, a substantive response is required when:

(a) The comment causes the NRC staff to reevaluate (or reconsider) its position or conduct additional analysis;

(b) The comment raises an issue serious enough to warrant a substantive response to clarify or complete the record; or

(c) The comment raises a relevant issue that was not previously addressed or considered by the NRC staff.

(2) The comment proposes a change or an addition to the rule, and it is apparent that the rule would be ineffective or unacceptable without incorporation of the change or addition.

(3) The comment causes the NRC staff to make a change (other than editorial) to the rule, CoC, or TS.

Voluntary Consensus Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–113) requires that Federal agencies use technical standards that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies unless the use of such a standard is inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. In this direct final rule, the NRC will revise the HI-STORM 100 cask design listed in § 72.214 (List of NRC-approved spent fuel storage cask designs). This action does not constitute the establishment of a standard that contains generally applicable requirements.

Agreement State Compatibility

Under the "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs" approved by the Commission on June 30, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on September 3, 1997 (62 FR 46517), this rule is classified as Compatibility Category "NRC." Compatibility is not required for Category "NRC" regulations. The NRC program elements in this category are those that relate directly to areas of regulation reserved to the NRC by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), or the

provisions of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Although an Agreement State may not adopt program elements reserved to NRC, it may wish to inform its licensees of certain requirements via a mechanism that is consistent with the particular State's administrative procedure laws but does not confer regulatory authority on the State.

Plain Language

The Presidential Memorandum, ''Plain Language in Government Writing," published June 10, 1998 (63 FR 31883), directed that the Government's documents be in clear and accessible language. The NRC requests comments on this direct final rule specifically with respect to the clarity and effectiveness of the language used. Comments should be sent to the address listed under the heading ADDRESSES, above.

Finding of No Significant **Environmental Impact: Availability**

Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the NRC regulations in Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC has determined that this rule, if adopted, would not be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. The NRC has prepared an environmental assessment and, on the basis of this environmental assessment, has made a finding of no significant impact. This rule will amend the CoC for the HI-STORM 100 cask design within the list of approved spent fuel storage casks that power reactor licensees can use to store spent fuel at reactor sites under a general license.

The amendment will add instrument tube tie rods used for pressurized water reactor 15x15 and 17x17 fuel lattices, for both intact and damaged fuel assemblies, to the approved contents of the MPC-24 and MPC-32 models; and correct legacy editorial issues in the

Appendices A and B TS.
The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact on which this determination is based are available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, Public File Area O–1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Single copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available from Jayne M. McCausland, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 4156219, e-mail Jayne.McCausland@nrc.gov.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This direct final rule does not contain a new or amended information collection requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Existing requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, Approval Number 3150–0132.

Public Protection Notification

The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a request for information or an information collection requirement unless the requesting document displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Regulatory Analysis

On July 18, 1990 (55 FR 29181), the NRC issued an amendment to 10 CFR Part 72 to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel under a general license in cask designs approved by the NRC. Any nuclear power reactor licensee can use NRC-approved cask designs to store spent nuclear fuel if it notifies the NRC in advance, the spent fuel is stored under the conditions specified in the cask's CoC, and the conditions of the general license are met. A list of NRC-approved cask designs is contained in 10 CFR 72.214. On May 1, 2000 (65 FR 25241), the NRC issued an amendment to Part 72 that approved the HI-STORM 100 cask design by adding it to the list of NRCapproved cask designs in 10 CFR 72.214. On April 15, 2008, and as supplemented August 1, November 17, and November 26, 2008, the certificate holder, Holtec, submitted an application to the NRC to amend CoC No. 1014 to add instrument tube tie rods used for pressurized water reactor 15x15 and 17x17 fuel lattices, for both intact and damaged fuel assemblies, to the approved contents of the MPC-24, MPC-24E, MPC-24EF, MPC-32, and MPC-32F models; and to correct legacy editorial issues in the Appendices A and B TS.

The alternative to this action is to withhold approval of Amendment No. 6 and to require any Part 72 general licensee, seeking to load spent fuel into HI–STORM 100 casks under the changes described in Amendment No. 6, to request an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212 and 72.214. Under this alternative, each interested Part 72 licensee would have to prepare, and the NRC would have to review, a separate exemption request, thereby increasing the administrative

burden upon the NRC and the costs to each licensee.

Approval of the direct final rule is consistent with previous NRC actions. Further, as documented in the SER and the environmental assessment, the direct final rule will have no adverse effect on public health and safety. This direct final rule has no significant identifiable impact or benefit on other Government agencies. Based on this regulatory analysis, the NRC concludes that the requirements of the direct final rule are commensurate with the NRC's responsibilities for public health and safety and the common defense and security. No other available alternative is believed to be as satisfactory, and thus, this action is recommended.

Regulatory Flexibility Certification

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), the NRC certifies that this rule will not, if issued, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This direct final rule affects only nuclear power plant licensees and Holtec. These entities do not fall within the scope of the definition of "small entities" set forth in the Regulatory Flexibility Act or the size standards established by the NRC (10 CFR 2.810).

Backfit Analysis

The NRC has determined that the backfit rule (10 CFR 72.62) does not apply to this direct final rule because this amendment does not involve any provisions that would impose backfits as defined in 10 CFR Chapter I. Therefore, a backfit analysis is not required.

Congressional Review Act

Under the Congressional Review Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 72

Administrative practice and procedure, Hazardous waste, Nuclear materials, Occupational safety and health, Radiation protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Spent fuel, Whistleblowing.

■ 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; the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended; and 5 U.S.C. 552 and 553; the NRC is adopting the

following amendments to 10 CFR Part 72.

PART 72—LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT STORAGE OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE, AND REACTOR-RELATED GREATER THAN CLASS C 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, Public Law 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); Public Law 95-601, sec. 10, 92 Stat. 2951 as amended by Public Law 102-486, sec. 7902, 106 Stat. 3123 (42 U.S.C. 5851); sec. 102, Public Law 91-190, 83 Stat. 853 (42 U.S.C. 4332); secs. 131, 132, 133, 135, 137, 141, Public Law 97-425, 96 Stat. 2229, 2230, 2232, 2241, sec. 148, Public Law 100-203, 101 Stat. 1330-235 (42 U.S.C. 10151, 10152, 10153, 10155, 10157, 10161, 10168); sec. 1704, 112 Stat. 2750 (44 U.S.C. 3504 note); sec. 651(e), Public Law 109-58, 119 Stat. 806-10 (42 U.S.C. 2014, 2021, 2021b, 2111).

Section 72.44(g) also issued under secs. 142(b) and 148(c), (d), Public Law 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, Public Law 97-425, 96 Stat. 2230 (42 U.S.C. 10154). Section 72.96(d) also issued under sec. 145(g), Public Law 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), Public Law 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 1014 is revised to read as follows:

§ 72.214 List of approved spent fuel storage casks.

Certificate Number: 1014. Initial Certificate Effective Date: May

Amendment Number 1 Effective Date: July 15, 2002.

Amendment Number 2 Effective Date: June 7, 2005.

Amendment Number 3 Effective Date: May 29, 2007.

Amendment Number 4 Effective Date: January 8, 2008.

Amendment Number 5 Effective Date: July 14, 2008.

Amendment Number 6 Effective Date: August 17, 2009.

ŠAR Submitted by: Holtec International.

SAR Title: Final Safety Analysis Report for the HI–STORM 100 Cask System.

Docket Number: 72–1014.
Certificate Expiration Date: June 1, 2020.

Model Number: HI–STORM 100.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of May 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. **R.W. Borchardt**,

Executive Director for Operations.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2009-0498; Directorate Identifier 2009-NM-065-AD; Amendment 39-15923; AD 2009-11-13]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 45 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Learjet Model 45 airplanes. For certain airplanes, this AD requires repetitive inspections for chafing and other damage of the case drain tube from the hydraulic pump case installed on the left-hand engine, and corrective action if necessary. This AD also requires, for all airplanes, repetitive inspections for discrepancies of the left engine's nacelle tubing, repetitive inspections for evidence of fluid leakage within the left engine accessory compartment, and corrective actions if necessary. This AD was prompted by reports of chafed hydraulic tubes in the left-hand engine. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct chafed hydraulic tubes in the left-hand engine and consequent hydraulic tube failure and uncontrolled loss of flammable fluid within the engine cowling, which could result in a

DATES: This AD is effective June 17, 2009.

control of the airplane.

fire in the engine nacelle and loss of

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference

of certain publications listed in the AD as of June 17, 2009.

We must receive comments on this AD by August 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
 - Fax: 202-493-2251.
- Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M– 30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M—30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Learjet, Inc., One Learjet Way, Wichita, Kansas 67209–2942; telephone 316–946–2000; fax 316–946–2220; e-mail ac.ict@aero.bombardier.com; Internet http://www.bombardier.com.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone 800–647–5527) is in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

We have received reports of chafing found on hydraulic tubing in the left-hand engine. Specifically, the chafing was found on a case drain tube from the hydraulic pump case installed on the left-hand engine, on the lower forward cowl latch structure on the inboard side of the engine. Chafing was also found on a hydraulic pressure tube, on the hydraulic case drain tube on the left-hand engine, and on the hydraulic supply tube on the oil reservoir on the left-hand engine. Chafed hydraulic

tubes in the left-hand engine and consequent hydraulic tube failure and uncontrolled loss of flammable fluid within the engine cowling, if not corrected, could result in a fire in the engine nacelle and loss of control of the airplane.

Relevant Service Information

We reviewed the following service bulletins:

- Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A45–29–15, dated December 26, 2006.
- Bombardier Alert Service Bulletin A40–29–03, dated December 26, 2006.

The service bulletins describe procedures for a detailed inspection for chafing and other damage of the case drain tube from the hydraulic pump case installed on the left-hand engine. The service bulletins also describe procedures for repositioning any tube that has damage within certain limits and replacing any tube that has damage that exceeds those limits.

We have reviewed the following temporary revisions (TRs):

- Learjet 40 Temporary Revision (TR) 71–1, dated April 28, 2009, to the Learjet 40 Maintenance Manual MM–105.
- Learjet 45 TR 71–1, dated April 28, 2009, to the Learjet 45 Maintenance Manual MM–104.

The TRs describe procedures for repetitive detailed inspections for discrepancies, including damage to the left engine's nacelle tubing and inadequate clearance between any unsupported section of the tube or other tubing and surrounding components. The TRs also describe procedures for adjusting the tubing and clamping to achieve minimum clearance and replacing any tube that has damage exceeding certain limits.

We have reviewed the engine maintenance practices in the following maintenance manual documents:

- Learjet 45 Maintenance Manual MM–104, Revision 47, dated March 30, 2009, Powerplant–Maintenance Practices Section 71–00–00 and Engine–Maintenance Practices Section 71–00–01 (for M45 airplanes).
- Learjet 40 Maintenance Manual MM–105, Revision 15, dated March 30, 2009, Engine–Maintenance Practices Section 71–00–01 (for M40 airplanes).

The engine—maintenance practices sections in the maintenance manuals (MMs) describe procedures for a general visual inspection for evidence of engine oil, hydraulic fluid, or fuel leakage within the left engine accessory compartment. For airplanes on which there is evidence of leakage, the MMs describe procedures for removing each plumbing clamp within the area affected