

Budget (OMB) directed all Executive Branch agencies to cancel the inflation adjustment for fiscal year 2026 based on the lack of October 2025 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) data due to the lapse in appropriations at the beginning of fiscal year 2026.

Per the 2015 Improvements Act, the annual civil monetary penalties cost-of-living adjustment is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data from the month of October of the prior year. Due to the government shutdown in October 2026, BLS was unable to produce the October 2025 data. Based on the lack of October 2025 CPI-U data, which is needed to make adjustments under the 2015 Improvements Act, there will be no updated cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2026. The NRC maximum civil monetary penalty for a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), or any regulation or order issued under the AEA, will remain \$372,240 per violation, per day. Additionally, the NRC provisions concerning program fraud civil penalties and the maximum civil monetary penalty under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act will remain \$14,308 for each false claim or statement.

### III. Conclusion

The NRC is discontinuing the Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation for Fiscal Year 2026 rulemaking. In the next edition of the Unified Agenda, the NRC will update the entry for this rulemaking activity and reference this document to indicate that the rulemaking activity is no longer being pursued. This rulemaking will appear in the completed actions section of that edition of the Unified Agenda but will not appear in future editions. The NRC will inform the public of future civil penalty adjustments to account for inflation through new rulemaking entries in the Unified Agenda.

Dated: May 28, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Michael King,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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#### List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec International HI-STORM UMAX Canister Storage System, Certificate of Compliance No. 1040, Amendment No. 5

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is confirming the effective date of June 16, 2026, for the direct final rule that was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2026. This direct final rule amended Holtec International HI-STORM UMAX Canister Storage System listing within the “List of approved spent fuel storage casks” to include Amendment No. 5 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1040.

**DATES:**

*Effective date:* The effective date of June 16, 2026, for the direct final rule published April 2, 2026 (91 FR 16541), is confirmed.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-0562 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:*

Electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for Docket ID NRC-2026-0562. Address questions about NRC dockets to Helen Chang; telephone: 301-415-3228; email: [Helen.Chang@nrc.gov](mailto:Helen.Chang@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin ADAMS Public Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). Amendment No. 5 of Certificate of Compliance No. 1040, the associated changes to the technical specifications, and the safety evaluation report are available in

ADAMS under Package Accession No. ML26128A289.

- *NRC’s PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 2, 2026 (91 FR 16541), the NRC published a direct final rule amending its regulations in part 72, “Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material,” of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* to revise the certificate of compliance to include two new versions of the HI-STORM UMAX (Version B1 and B2). In the direct final rule, the NRC stated that if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become effective on June 16, 2026.

The NRC received and docketed one comment on the companion proposed rule (91 FR 16588; April 2, 2026). An electronic copy of the comment can be obtained from the Federal Rulemaking website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2026-0562 and is also available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26146A078. The NRC evaluated the comment against the criteria described in the direct final rule and determined that the comment was not significant and adverse. Therefore, this direct final rule will become effective as scheduled.

Dated: May 28, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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