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NRC EXPANDS REGULATIONS
FOR SPENT FUEL STORAGE CASK CERTIFICATES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is expanding the scope of its regulations to make them more fully applicable to holders of, and applicants for, NRC certificates of compliance for the design of a spent fuel storage cask.

These changes are necessary to more effectively address performance issues that have occurred in the spent fuel storage industry in recent years.

The revisions enhance the agency's ability to take appropriate enforcement action against these companies if they violate requirements in Part 72 of the Commission's regulations. This action will emphasize the safety and regulatory significance associated with violations of the regulations by allowing NRC to take enforcement action rather than administrative action when violations of NRC requirements have occurred.

The changes also add recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Further details of the changes are contained in a Federal Register notice to be published shortly. The revisions will be effective 60 days after publication of this notice. In addition, the NRC is publishing a revision to its Enforcement Policy (NUREG-1600, Rev. 1) for public comment to clarify that enforcement action may be taken against nonlicensees for violations of 10 CFR Part 72.

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