

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

This rule is limited to the changes contained in Amendment 4 to CoC No. 1004 and does not include other aspects of the Standardized NUHOMS®-24P, -52B, and -61BT cask system design. 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.

Because NRC considers this action noncontroversial and routine, the proposed rule is being published concurrently as a direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective on February 12, 2002. However, if the NRC receives significant adverse comments by December 31, 2001, then the NRC will publish a document that withdraws this action and will address the comments received in response to the proposed amendments published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**. 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-and-comment process. For example, in a substantive response:

(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 to the CoC or TS.

These comments will be addressed in a subsequent final rule. The NRC will not initiate a second comment period on this action.

List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 72

Administrative practice and procedure, Criminal penalties, Manpower training programs, Nuclear materials, Occupational safety and health, Penalties, 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; 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. 102-486, sec. 7902, 106 Stat. 3123 (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 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 Number 1 Effective Date: April 27, 2000.

Amendment Number 2 Effective Date: September 5, 2000.

Amendment Number 3 Effective Date: September 12, 2001.

Amendment Number 4 Effective Date: February 12, 2002.

SAR Submitted by: Transnuclear Inc.

SAR Title: 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, NUHOMS®-52B, and NUHOMS®-61BT.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of November, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William D. Travers,

Executive Director for Operations.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 217

RIN 3220-AB46

Application for Annuity or Lump Sum

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) proposes to amend its regulations to permit a spouse application, when filed simultaneously with the employee's application for a disability annuity, to be filed more than three months in advance of the earliest annuity beginning date. The proposed changes would bring §§ 217.9 and 217.30 into agreement with the distinction already found in § 218.7.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Address any comments concerning this proposed rule to the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marguerite P. Dadabo, Assistant General Counsel, (312) 751-4945, TTD (312) 751-4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 217.9 of the regulations of the Board provides for the effective period of application. This proposed rule amends section 217.9(b) to permit a spouse application, when filed simultaneously with the employee's application for a disability annuity, to be filed more than

three months in advance of the earliest annuity beginning date. This proposed rule also makes a conforming amendment to § 217.30 concerning the reasons for denial of an application, and provides greater clarity for such denials.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget, has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866. Therefore, no regulatory analysis is required. Information collections associated with § 217.9 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 3220-0002.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 217

Claims, Railroad retirement, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Railroad Retirement Board proposes to amend title 20, chapter II, part 217 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 217—APPLICATION FOR ANNUITY OR LUMP SUM

1. The authority citation for part 217 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 45 U.S.C. 231d and 45 U.S.C. 231f.

2. Section 217.9 of subpart B, is amended by adding directly after the words “paragraph (b)(2)”, the words “and paragraph (b)(3)”, and by adding a new paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

§ 217.9 Effective period of application.

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(b) * * *

(3) *Application for spouse annuity filed simultaneously with employee disability annuity application.* When the qualifying employee's annuity application effective period is determined by the preceding paragraph (b)(2) of this section, a spouse who meets all eligibility requirements may file an annuity application on the same date as the employee claimant. The spouse application will be treated as though it were filed on the later of the actual filing date or the employee's annuity beginning date.

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3. Section 217.30 of subpart E is amended by removing paragraph (b), redesignating paragraph (c) as paragraph (b), and by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 217.30 Reasons for denial of application.

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(c) The applicant files an application more than three months before the date on which the eligible person's benefit

can begin except if the application is for an employee disability annuity or for a spouse annuity filed simultaneously with the employee's disability annuity application.

Dated: November 20, 2001.

By Authority of the Board,

For the Board, Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-2001-10916; Notice 2]

RIN 2127-AI55

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child Restraint Systems

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: NHTSA has been mandated by Congress to consider whether to prescribe clearer and simpler labels and instructions for child restraints. On November 2, 2001, NHTSA published an NPRM that proposes changes to the labels and written instructions that accompany child restraints (66 FR 55623). Due to an error, that NPRM did not address the issue of when, if adopted, NHTSA would require child restraints to comply with the proposed requirements. This document corrects that error.

DATES: You should submit your comments early enough to ensure that Docket Management receives them not later than January 2, 2002. The reason for this closing date is to make it coincide with the the January 2 comment closing date of the November 6, 2001 NPRM.

ADDRESSES: You should mention the docket number of this document in your comments and submit your comments in writing to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

You may call Docket Management at 202-366-9324. You may visit the Docket from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For non-legal issues, you may call Mary Versailles of the NHTSA Office of Planning and Consumer Programs, at 202-366-2057.

For legal issues, you may call Deirdre Fujita of the NHTSA Office of Chief Counsel at 202-366-2992.

You may send mail to both of these officials at National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA has been mandated by Congress to consider whether to prescribe clearer and simpler labels and instructions for child restraints. On November 2, 2001, NHTSA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes changes to the labels and written instructions that accompany child restraints (66 FR 55623). Due to an error, the NPRM did not address the issue of when, if adopted, NHTSA would require child restraints to comply with the proposed requirements. This notice corrects that error.

In trying to decide how much leadtime to allow manufacturers, NHTSA first examined past upgrades of labeling requirements. When NHTSA updated air bag label requirements for vehicles and child restraints in 1996, vehicle manufacturers were required to comply with the new requirements within 90 days. Child restraint manufacturers were required to comply within 180 days. The longer leadtime for child restraints was an acknowledgement that child restraint manufacturers would have to change their manufacturing process to include a means of permanently labeling the padding or cushion, a process that was not then employed. Because the labels affected by that rulemaking were manufactured using processes that are more involved than the typical sticky label on the side of a child restraint, leadtime of 180 days should be feasible for the current proposal.

However, the same need for expedited action does not exist as existed for air bags. Also, this proposal would require a change in most, if not all, labels currently on child restraints. NHTSA also acknowledges that, if it were to require permanent molding or some similar technology, a longer leadtime would be needed for those labels. In addition, NHTSA is proposing changes to the written requirements.

Based upon these considerations, NHTSA is proposing a leadtime of one year for the proposed changes to child restraint labels and written instructions. In addition, to encourage the earliest possible installation of the new enhanced labels, NHTSA is would allow manufacturers to install the new labels and provide the new written instructions before the required date.

This correction does not affect the statements made in the “Rulemaking