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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AH13

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: FuelSolutions™ Cask System Revision; Confirmation of Effective Date

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is confirming the effective date of May 7, 2003, for the direct final rule that appeared in the *Federal Register* of February 21, 2003 (68 FR 8445). This direct final rule amended the NRC's regulations by revising the BNFL Fuel Solutions Corporation (FuelSolutions™) Spent Fuel Management System listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" to include Amendment No. 3 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1026. This document confirms the effective date.

DATES: The effective date of May 7, 2003, is confirmed for this direct final rule.

ADDRESSES: Documents related to this rulemaking, including comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. These same documents may also be viewed and downloaded electronically via the rulemaking website (<http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>). For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher at (301) 415-5905; e-mail cag@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jayne M. McCausland, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 21, 2003 (68 FR 8445), the NRC published in the *Federal Register* a direct final rule amending its regulations in 10 CFR part 72 to include Amendment No. 3 to Certificate of Compliance Number 1026. Amendment No. 3 modifies the present cask system design to change the W-21 canister Technical Specifications and bases to provide an alternative to returning the canister to the spent fuel building by returning it to the transfer cask. Specifically, Technical Specifications 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 have been modified to allow the W-21 canister to be returned to the transfer cask while restoring normal storage conditions. The amendment also includes several editorial changes to Technical Specifications 3.1.1, 3.3.2, and 3.3.3.

In the direct final rule, NRC stated that if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become final on the date noted above. The NRC did not receive any comments that warranted withdrawal of the direct final rule. Therefore, this rule will become effective as scheduled.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of April, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NM-170-AD; Amendment 39-13136; AD 2003-09-07]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -20, -30, -40, and -50 Series Airplanes; and DC-9-81 (MD-81), DC-9-82 (MD-82), DC-9-83 (MD-83), DC-9-87 (MD-87), and MD-88 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all McDonnell Douglas transport category airplanes listed above, that requires a check of the slant pressure panels of the wheel wells of the left and right main landing gear (MLG) for water leakage, and repair of any leak found. This action is necessary to prevent the accumulation of water in the wheel wells of the MLG during flight, which could freeze on the lateral control mixer and control cables, resulting in restricted lateral control and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective June 5, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A (D800-0024). This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; at the FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wahib Mina, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712-4137; telephone (562) 627-5324; fax (562) 627-5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -20, -30, -40, and -50 series airplanes; and DC-9-81 (MD-81), DC-9-82 (MD-82), DC-9-83 (MD-83), DC-9-87 (MD-87), and MD-88 airplanes; was published in the *Federal Register* on November 18, 2002 (67 FR 69494). That action proposed to require a check of the slant pressure