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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

8 CFR Part 1292

[EOIR Docket No. 176]

RIN 1125-AA72

Recognition and Accreditation

AGENCY: Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is reviewing and considering amendments to the regulations governing the recognition of organizations and accreditation of representatives who appear before EOIR. EOIR seeks public comment on issues affecting these regulations and will host two open public meetings to discuss these regulations. The first meeting will be limited to a discussion of the recognition of organizations and the second will address accreditation of representatives.

DATES: *Dates and Times:* The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 1 p.m. The second meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1800, Falls Church, VA 22041.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To RSVP for the meeting: Lauren Alder Reid, Counsel for Legislative and Public Affairs, 703-305-0289, PAO.EOIR@usdoj.gov. For each meeting, attendance will be limited to the first forty (40) individuals to RSVP. EOIR will also offer a conference call option for those who cannot physically attend the meeting. To attend the meeting via conference call, please RSVP with the name(s) of the attendee(s), the attendee's organization, and an email address where instructions may be sent for accessing the conference call.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

EOIR is reviewing and considering amendments to the regulations at 8 CFR 1292.2 governing the recognition of organizations and accreditation of representatives who appear before EOIR. EOIR will be hosting two open public meetings to discuss these regulations. The purpose of these meetings is to solicit the views of non-governmental organizations and other interested members of the public regarding potential amendments to these regulations.

Agenda for March 14, 2012, Meeting

The first meeting, which will be held on March 14, 2012, will focus on issues addressing the recognition of organizations. An agenda for the first meeting is listed below.

1. Introductions.

2. *Discussion of required documentation to establish eligibility for recognition.* What documentation must an organization be required to provide in order to establish that it meets the eligibility requirements for recognition? For example, should EOIR require the organization to submit incorporation or tax documents to prove non-profit status?

3. Discussion of fraud prevention.

EOIR is committed to preventing fraud and is mindful that the recognition and accreditation program may be susceptible to abuse. How can EOIR both prevent abuse of the system by organizations that may seek to exploit or misuse their recognized status, and encourage the participation of legitimate organizations in the program?

4. Discussion of nominal fees.

Currently, recognized organizations are allowed to charge only a "nominal fee" for their services in order to ensure that they are serving a non-profit, religious, charitable, or social service purpose. *See* 8 CFR 1292.1(a)(1). Should recognized organizations be able to charge more than a nominal fee for their services? If so, under what circumstances? Would a system, in which an organization's eligibility for recognition is determined based on the percentage of its revenue from client fees, be an effective measure to ensure that the recognized organization is serving a non-profit religious, charitable, or social service purpose?

5. *Discussion of withdrawal of recognition.* Are the current procedures

for withdrawal of recognition for an organization effective? *See* 8 CFR 1292.2(c). If not, how can the process be improved?

6. *Discussion of definition of "low-income."* EOIR is considering defining "low-income" by using percentages of the Federal Poverty Guidelines amounts. For example, the Legal Services Corporation provides that the income of service recipients may not exceed 125% of the current official Federal Poverty Guidelines amounts. *See* 45 CFR part 1611. How should "low-income" be defined?

7. Adjourn.

Agenda for March 21, 2012 Meeting

The second meeting, which will be held on March 21, 2012, will focus on issues addressing the accreditation of representatives. An agenda for the second meeting is listed below.

1. Introductions.

2. *Discussion of required training for accredited representatives.* In order to ensure that accredited representatives maintain sufficient knowledge in immigration law and procedure to represent individuals adequately before the Department of Homeland Security and EOIR, should EOIR require that accredited representatives fulfill an annual immigration training requirement similar to a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirement for attorneys? What would be the appropriate amount and type of annual training for accredited representatives (e.g., requiring fifteen hours of CLE annually as many state bar associations require for licensed attorneys)?

3. Discussion of fraud prevention.

EOIR is committed to preventing fraud and mindful that the recognition and accreditation program may be susceptible to abuse. How can EOIR both prevent abuse of the system by individuals who may seek to exploit or misuse their accredited status, and encourage the participation of legitimate individuals in the program?

4. *Discussion of adequate supervision.* Generally, accredited representatives are non-attorneys who provide advice and representation to individuals. What is the best way to ensure that accredited representatives receive adequate supervision in order to provide effective assistance and representation?

5. Adjourn.

Public Participation

EOIR welcomes responses to these questions in the form of written submissions, as well as in-person discussion at each respective meeting. To facilitate EOIR's ability to respond to comments at the meetings, the agency believes it will be most helpful to receive written answers to the questions before the meetings. Therefore, EOIR encourages parties to submit written answers no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, by email to PAO.EOIR@usdoj.gov. However, EOIR will also accept comments and written responses after the meetings. Final written submissions are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012, by email to PAO.EOIR@usdoj.gov.

The meetings are open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is required to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify Lauren Alder Reid, Counsel for Legislative and Public Affairs, 703-305-0289, PAO.EOIR@usdoj.gov. For each meeting, participation will be limited to the first forty (40) individuals to RSVP, with an additional conference call option available.

Dated: February 7, 2012.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

RIN 3150-AJ05

[NRC-2011-0221]

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100, Revision 8

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is proposing to amend its spent fuel storage cask 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. 8 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1014. Amendment No. 8 adds a new multipurpose canister (MPC)—68M to the approved models currently included in CoC No. 1014 with two new boiling water reactor fuel assembly/array classes, and a new pressurized water reactor fuel assembly/class to CoC No.

1014 for loading into the MPC-32. In addition, the amendment makes several other changes as described under the "Background" heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

DATES: Submit comments by March 19, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0221 in the subject line of your comments. For instructions on submitting comments and accessing documents related to this action, see "Submitting Comments and Accessing Information" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2011-0221. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: 301-492-3668, email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- **Mail comments to:** Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

- **Email comments to:** Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov. If you do not receive a reply email confirming that we have received your comments, contact us directly at 301-415-1677.

- **Hand-deliver comments to:** 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EST Federal workdays (telephone: 301-415-1677).

- **Fax comments to:** Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Trussell, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-6445, email: Gregory.Trussell@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submitting Comments and Accessing Information

Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

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

- **NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):** The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available online in the NRC Library 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 email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Public comments and supporting materials related to this proposed rule can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID NRC-2011-0221. For additional information, see the direct final rule published in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Procedural Background

This rule is limited to the changes contained in Amendment No. 8 to CoC No. 1014 and does not include other aspects of the HI-STORM 100 dry storage cask system. Because the NRC considers this action noncontroversial and routine, the NRC is publishing this proposed rule concurrently as a direct final rule in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**. Adequate protection of public health and safety continues to be ensured. The direct final rule will become effective on May 2, 2012. However, if the NRC receives significant adverse comments on the direct final rule by March 19, 2012, then the NRC will publish a document that withdraws the direct final rule. If the direct final rule is withdrawn, the NRC will address the comments received in response to