

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER DIAZ

SUBJECT: **SECY-99-273 - IMPACT OF CHANGES TO THE INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR REACTORS ON IMPLEMENTING THE ALLEGATION PROGRAM**


Approved XX Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS:

I approve the staff's proposal to seek stakeholder input before choosing an option for implementing the allegation program under the new oversight process. In soliciting feedback, the staff should stress that the options under consideration are strictly limited to assessing the potential safety impacts of technical issues. I believe that the American public is best served when the NRC can use risk informed methods to quickly assess the validity of allegations -- and then ensure that rapid corrective action is taken.

I am strongly committed to identifying and effectively responding to instances of retribution against those who raise safety concerns, and I believe that my fellow Commissioners are too. Therefore, the staff should also emphasize that, regardless of the option eventually implemented, this agency will remain vigilant in protecting the ability of people to bring safety issues to their management's attention.



SIGNATURE

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Entered on "AS" Yes XX No _____
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