

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

FROM: CHAIRMAN MESERVE

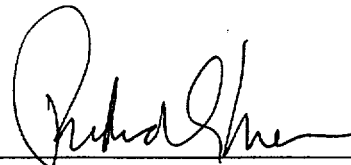
SUBJECT: SECY-00-003 - REPORT TO CONGRESS ON ABNORMAL
OCCURRENCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Approved X w/comments Disapproved ___ Abstain _____

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COMMENTS:

See attached comments.



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January 18, 2000

DATE

Entered on "AS" Yes ___ No ___

Chairman Meserve's Comments to SECY-00-0003

I approve the proposed AO report to Congress for FY 1999 and the proposed letters to Congress forwarding the AO report, subject to the following revisions:

- 99-1 Fire at Portsmouth GDP

The staff should be more specific as to the consequences of the event. The report indicates that the radiological and chemical consequences on plant staff were "minor," but is unclear as to whether there were measurable consequences.

- 99-3 and AS 99-1 - Medical Events Involving Administration of I-131 to Pregnant Patient

In both of these events, the staff should clarify in the section entitled "Cause or Causes" that the licensees' assumption that the patients were not pregnant was based on verbal statements made by the patient to the licensee staff.

Appendix C

- Fire at FitzPatrick

The second paragraph, which discusses the location of the fire, should include a discussion of the distance and location of the hydrogen storage system from safety-related equipment and major plant structures at FitzPatrick. Without such a discussion, the linkage between the FitzPatrick fire and the staff's conclusion in Paragraph 6 that public health and safety was not threatened, is not clear.

Indian Point Unit 2 Scram

Portions of paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 are overly technical for a report to Congress. The text should be revised to make the event more understandable to the general public.

- Example 1 for NRC and Agreement State Licensees - Lost Radiography Camera

The staff should discuss any subsequent actions, if any, taken by the state of Florida and add a statement regarding the safety implications associated with not recovering the camera.

Editorial Changes

- Page vii - Last paragraph: 1st sentence - replace "... events for Appendix C to this report." with "...Other Events of Interest.". Delete the last sentence and revise the 3rd sentence to read "... on events **that are not reportable as AOs but are reportable as "Other Events of Interest"** based on ..."
- Page viii - 2nd paragraph - Revise the last sentence to read "The NRC is seeking to make the regulatory system risk-informed ..."
- Page 8 - Last paragraph, replace "... such as..." with "...including ..."
- Page 27 - Insert "portable" before gauges in item (2) of last paragraph.