

**POLICY ISSUE**  
**NOTATION VOTE**

**RESPONSE SHEET**

**TO:** Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
**FROM:** CHAIRMAN SVINICKI  
**SUBJECT:** SECY-19-0088 - Evaluation of Thresholds for Reporting Abnormal Occurrences in Response to SRM-M190423

Approved  X  Disapproved Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: Below  X  Attached \_\_\_\_\_ None

Consistent with the Commission's previous direction (SRM-M190423), the staff has conducted an evaluation of whether the current abnormal occurrence criteria provide an appropriate threshold for determining if an incident or event is significant from the standpoint of public health and safety or whether the criteria should be revised and has concluded that, although most of the current criteria provide an appropriate threshold with respect to public health and safety, both the medical event and source security criteria should be adjusted to ensure the criteria capture only those events that are significant. In drawing these conclusions, the staff engaged subject matter experts of the NRC's Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes and the Organization of Agreement States. The staff proposes, and I approve, the development of potential limited revisions to the criteria to align the medical event and source security criteria with indicators more strongly correlated with significance to public health and safety. It is important, however, that any potential revisions to the criteria not have the effect of obscuring events or trends meriting corrective action. I am confident the staff – and ultimately, the Commission - will proceed in a manner mindful of avoiding this outcome.

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Yes  X   
No \_\_\_\_\_

  
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