



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 16, 2005

SECRETARY

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-05-0005

TITLE:                OPTIONS FOR RESEARCH EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW  
                          BOARD

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of February 16, 2005.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commission.

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc:     Chairman Diaz  
          Commissioner McGaffigan  
          Commissioner Merrifield  
          Commissioner Jaczko  
          Commissioner Lyons  
          OGC  
          EDO  
          PDR

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-05-0005

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. DIAZ	X				X	1/26/05
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X				X	2/10/05
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X				X	1/25/05
COMR. JACZKO	X				X	2/9/05
COMR. LYONS	X				X	2/3/05

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and some provided additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on February 16, 2005.



NOTATION VOTE

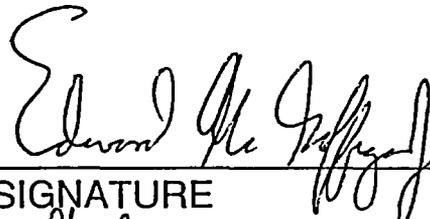
RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN  
SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0005 - OPTIONS FOR RESEARCH  
EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW BOARD**

Approved  <sup>w/comment</sup> Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

Please see attached comments.

  
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Commissioner McGaffigan's Comments on SECY-05-0005

I approve the staff's recommendation to terminate the Research Effectiveness Review Board (RERB).

The RERB was created following the suggestion of the Commission in the SRM for COMSECY-96-066, "Research," and was part of the Agency's overall strategic plan. In that same SRM, the Commission directed several other actions, including a reassessment of core capabilities and the movement of rulemaking responsibilities from RES to the Program Offices. The role of the RERB was to provide oversight of the research program and the Commission noted that the "usefulness and advisability of its continuation should be examined by the Commission every three years."

I agree with the staff that the ACRS and the ACNW have been providing much of the independent review and oversight of research activities that the RERB had originally been created to provide. I also acknowledge the improvements in the involvement of the Program Offices identified by the staff. Therefore, I join with my fellow Commissioners in accepting the recommendation by the staff to terminate the RERB.



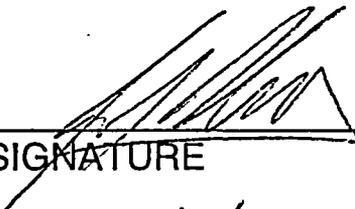
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TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD  
SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0005 - OPTIONS FOR RESEARCH  
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Approved  Disapproved  Abstain   
Not Participating

COMMENTS:

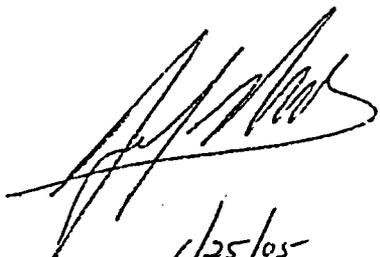
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**Commissioner Merrifield's Vote on SECY-05-0005  
Options for Research Effectiveness Review Board**

I agree that communications between the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) and the other program offices has improved, and that RES has improved the process for prioritizing specific research programs, since the Research Effectiveness Review Board was first implemented in 1997. I believe that the program reviews performed by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, along with the enhanced interactions with the other program offices provide sufficient coordination of RES activities. Therefore, I approve Option 2 to terminate the Research Effectiveness Review Board, and I encourage the staff to continue to develop interdependent operating plans, periodic status reviews, and office level coordination meetings to further improve the effectiveness of RES projects.



1/25/05

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER JACZKO  
SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0005 - OPTIONS FOR RESEARCH  
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Approved  Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

*I concur with the staff recommendation  
to approve option 2.*

  
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NOTATION VOTE

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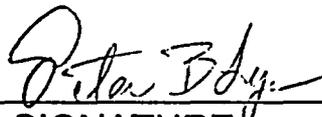
TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER LYONS  
SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0005 - OPTIONS FOR RESEARCH  
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Approved  Disapproved  Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS:

Concur with Option 2 with comments of Chairman and Commissioner Merrifield. I encourage RES staff to assure that all major efforts receive review by ACRS or ACNW.

  
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