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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland

Wednesday, May 21, 1997

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:30 a.m., the Honorable SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission
- KENNETH C. ROGERS, Member of the Commission
- GRETA J. DICUS, Member of the Commission
- EDWARD McGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

- JOHN C. HOYLE, Secretary
- KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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P R O C E E D I N G S

[9:30 a.m.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. This is an affirmation session. We have one item to come before us this morning.

Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through the item for affirmation, do any of my fellow Commissioners have any comments they wish to make?

[No response.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, Mr. Secretary, please proceed.

MR. HOYLE: Thank you, Chairman Jackson. The paper that we're being asked to affirm today contains a final rule on radiological criteria for license termination. In this rule, the Commission is being asked to provide specific radiological criteria for decommissioning of lands and structures at NRC regulated facilities. The rule is to establish a clear and consistent regulatory basis for determining the extent to which lands and structures must be remediated before decommissioning of a site can be considered complete and the license terminated. The final rule provides for a 25 millirem per year all pathways dose limit, coupled with a requirement to reduce radiological doses resulting from residual radioactivity to levels that are as low as reasonably achievable and the use of alternate criteria for certain difficult sites subject to Commission approval, and the solicitation of comments from the Environmental Protection.

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Agency and the general public. The rule would also require licensees proposing to decommissioning by restricting use of a site or through the use of alternate criteria to provide opportunities for participation by a broad cross-section of community interests who may be affected by the decommissioning. The Commission did not adopt a separate ground water protection standard. All Commissioners, including Commissioner Diaz, who is not here today, have voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule with some changes that will be reflected in the SRM.

I ask you to affirm your votes.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

MR. HOYLE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Is there anything else to come before us this morning?

MR. HOYLE: No, there isn't.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, we are adjourned.

MR. HOYLE: Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 9:32 a.m., the affirmation session was adjourned.]

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