

NOTATION VOIE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER DIAZ

SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0003 - REPORT TO CONGRESS ON ABNORMAL OCCURRENCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999**

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COMMENTS:

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**COMMISSIONER DIAZ'S COMMENTS ON SECY-00-0003 – REPORT TO CONGRESS ON ABNORMAL OCCURRENCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999**

I approve the report to Congress on abnormal occurrences for FY 1999 with the following modifications:

1. The nuclear power plant events included in Appendix C of the report should include the following as the first sentence of the description of each event: "This event did not meet the abnormal occurrence reporting criteria since it did not involve a major reduction in the degree of protection of public health or safety."
2. The NRC and Agreement State Materials Licensees section of Appendix C should be modified as follows:
  - Since the intent is to report events involving material entering the public domain, the first two paragraphs should be replaced with: "During FY 1999, NRC and Agreement States have received 188 reports of events that resulted in licensed materials entering the public domain in an uncontrolled manner: 74 events reported by NRC licensees and 114 events reported to Agreement States licensees. In some cases, the material caused radioactive contamination or radiation exposures."
  - The third sentence of the third paragraph should be replaced with: "Of these events, portable moisture density gauges were the most commonly reported events involving lost or stolen licensed devices."
  - To accurately reflect NRC's actions, the last sentence of the fourth paragraph should be replaced with: "The NRC and Agreement States have issued generic communications to inform licensees about these events and their consequences in order to prevent future incidents, in some cases have taken enforcement actions, and are in the process of making regulatory changes intended to increase licensees' accountability of material."

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