



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

May 15, 2000

SECRETARY

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-00-0083

TITLE: PROPOSED RULE: REVISION OF 10 CFR  
PART 55, "OPERATORS' LICENSES,"  
REGARDING THE USE OF SIMULATION  
FACILITIES IN OPERATOR LICENSING

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of May 15, 2000.

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

Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
OGC  
EDO  
PDR

## VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-00-0083

### RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. MESERVE	X				X	5/3/00
COMR. DICUS	X					5/6/00
COMR. DIAZ	X				X	5/8/00
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X					4/25/00
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X				X	4/26/00

### 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 May 15, 2000.

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

FROM: CHAIRMAN MESERVE

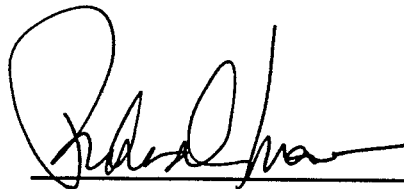
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Approved   X   Disapproved            Abstain           

Not Participating            Request Discussion           

COMMENTS:

I join in Commissioner Merrifield's comments about the need to revise the  
Congressional letters.



SIGNATURE

Aug 3, 2000

DATE

Entered on "AS" Yes   ✓   No

NOTATION VOTE

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RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER DICUS  
SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0083 - PROPOSED RULE: REVISION OF 10 CFR  
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Approved   x   Disapproved        Abstain       

Not Participating       

COMMENTS: *none*

*Greta Joy Dicus*  
SIGNATURE

*May 6, 2000*  
DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes   ✓   No

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER DIAZ

SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0083 - PROPOSED RULE: REVISION OF 10 CFR  
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Approved ☒ *hjt* Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.

- REC'D BY HJD -

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SIGNATURE

*5/8/00*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMISSIONER DIAZ' COMMENTS ON SECY-00-0083**

I approve the staff's recommendation to publish the proposed rule in the *Federal Register* for a 75-day public comment period. However, the experience gained from manipulating reactivity on a power reactor or a training reactor is invaluable. I encourage licensees to provide those opportunities, when possible, to their operator license applicants.

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

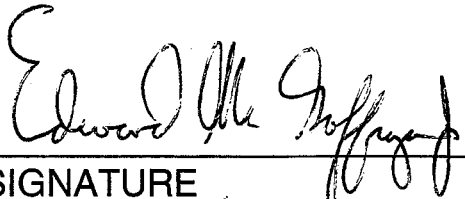
FROM: COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN

SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0083 - PROPOSED RULE: REVISION OF 10 CFR  
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Approved ☒ Disapproved ☐ Abstain ☐

Not Participating ☐

COMMENTS:

  
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4/25/00  
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DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes ☒ No ☐

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD

SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0083 - PROPOSED RULE: REVISION OF 10 CFR  
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Approved   x   Disapproved        Abstain       

Not Participating       

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.

  
SIGNATURE

April 26, 2000

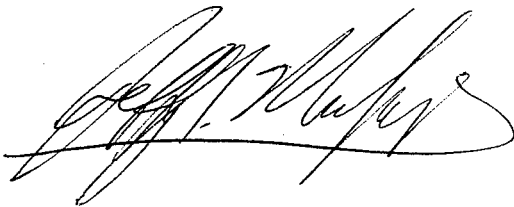
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**COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD'S COMMENTS ON SECY-00-0083**

Although I approve SECY-00-0083, I must convey some disappointment over the Congressional letters. The letters do not "tell the story" in a manner that facilitates stakeholder understanding. For example, I doubt that many members of Congress would understand the third paragraph of the letters or what terms like "validated scenario sequences" mean. I encourage the staff to revise the Congressional letters so that they clearly lay out: 1) how the proposed rule would affect licensees, 2) the impetus for the change, and 3) why, from a safety perspective, the NRC is comfortable with the proposed changes. I believe it would be a disservice to the staff who worked on this proposed rule to shortchange their efforts by ineffectively communicating with Congress at this stage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff M. Murr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

4/26/00



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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary *Annette Vietti-Cook*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-00-0083 - PROPOSED RULE:  
REVISION OF 10 CFR PART 55, "OPERATORS' LICENSES,"  
REGARDING THE USE OF SIMULATION FACILITIES IN  
OPERATOR LICENSING

The Commission has approved publication in the Federal Register of the notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the use of simulation facilities in operator licensing. The staff should revise the Congressional letters so that they clearly lay out: 1) how the proposed rule would affect licensees, 2) the impetus for the change, and 3) why, from a safety perspective, the NRC is comfortable with the proposed changes.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense:

6/16/00)

cc: Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
OGC  
CIO  
CFO  
OCA  
OIG  
OPA  
Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail)  
PDR