



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

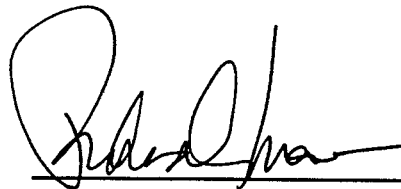
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LICENSING

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 PART 55, "OPERATORS' LICENSES," REGARDING THE USE OF SIMULATION FACILITIES IN OPERATOR LICENSING**

Approved 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 PART 55, "OPERATORS' LICENSES," REGARDING THE USE OF SIMULATION FACILITIES IN OPERATOR LICENSING**

Approved *lv* Disapproved _____ Abstain _____
Not Participating _____

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.

-REC'D BY NJD-

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lv

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

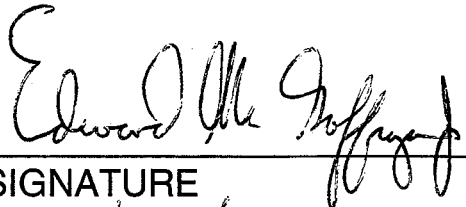
RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN
SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0083 - PROPOSED RULE: REVISION OF 10 CFR PART 55, "OPERATORS' LICENSES," REGARDING THE USE OF SIMULATION FACILITIES IN OPERATOR LICENSING**

Approved Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS:



SIGNATURE

4/25/00

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 Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.


SIGNATURE

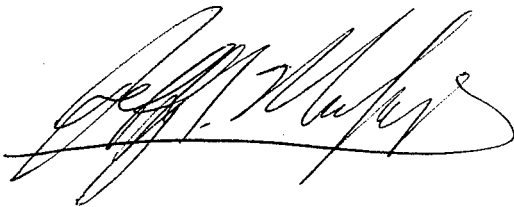
April 26, 2000

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes No

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.



4/26/00



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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,"
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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
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