

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER DICUS
SUBJECT: **SECY-01-0009 - MODIFIED REACTOR SAFETY GOAL
POLICY STATEMENT**

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Not Participating

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.

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February 6, 2001
DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes x No

COMMISSIONER DICUS' COMMENTS ON SECY-01-0009

I approve the staff's proposed revision to the Commission's Reactor Safety Goal Policy Statement. The modified safety goal policy statement continues to provide, and further enhances, the foundation for improved safety-focused regulation. By considering the current regulatory practice and experience gained in risk-informing some of our regulatory approaches, I believe that the staff has proposed a modest, reasonable, and timely update to the safety goal policy statement.

The proposed modification to the Commission's safety goal policy statement reflects significant staff effort and is consistent with the Commission's direction in the SRM on SECY -00-0077, "MODIFICATIONS TO THE REACTOR SAFETY GOAL POLICY STATEMENT". The staff's recommendation to modify the policy statement has been informed by numerous interactions with stakeholders, interactions with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, and by the experience gained in developing guidance for risk-informed regulatory applications.

I am certain that as we continue to learn from our experiences a future, additional update to the Commission's Safety Goal Policy statement will be warranted. For example, the current effort to risk inform part 50 is a long term effort and the conclusion of that effort may be an appropriate point to consider an additional revision to the safety goal policy statement.

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