# **RESPONSE SHEET**

TO:	Samuel J. Chilk, Secret	fary of the Commi	SSION	
FROM:	COMMISSIONER ZECH			
SUBJECT:	SECY-84-456A - FUNDING OF NRC'S COSTS OF LICENSING DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) UNDER THE NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1982 (NWPA) USE OF NUCLEAR WASTE FUND FOR NRC/NWPA HIGH-LEVEL WASTE (HLW) ACTIVITIES			
APPROVED	DISAPPROVE	D	ABSTAIN	
NOT PARTIC	CIPATINGR	EQUEST DISCUSSIO	N	
COMMENTS:				
		APPROVE		
	Alternative #1			
	Alternative #2			
	Alternative #3			

Other XX (see attached comments)

Alternative #4

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August 12, 1985 DATE

YES NO

Entered on "AS"

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Comments of Commissioner Zech on SECY-84-456A

I do not believe that the NRC itself should initiate any action to make the waste fund available for its budgetary purposes. I support having the NRC continue to seek the budgetary resources that it needs to carry out its high-level waste mission through the regular budget review and approval process.

I continue to support an amendment to Section 161 W. of the Atomic Energy Act which would authorize the NRC to require DOE to pay a fee for the licensing of waste repositories. However, I do not believe that such fees should be treated any differently for budgetary purposes than any other licensing fees which are paid. If, for example, such fees are available for direct use by the NRC (instead of going to the miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury as I understand they do) then we may end up in needless controversies such as allegations that we were in a conflict of interest situation because we could increase our budget by increasing fees.

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TO: SAMUEL J. CHILK, SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION FROM: Commissioner Asselstine SUBJECT: SECY-84-456A - FUNDING OF NRC'S COSTS OF LICENSING DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) UNDER THE NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT OF 1982 (NWPA) -- USE OF NUCLEAR WASTE FUND FOR NRC/NWPA HIGH-LEVEL WASTE (HLW) ACTIVITIES APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED\_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN\_\_\_\_\_ NOT PARTICIPATING\_\_\_\_\_ REQUEST DISCUSSION\_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

		APPROVE
Alternative	#1	
Alternative	#2	
Alternative	#3	
Alternative	#4	$\checkmark$
Other		

I prefer alternative #4. However, if there are not three votes in favor of that alternative, I could support alternative #2 as a second choice.

YES NO

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TO: SAMUEL J. CHILK, SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

FROM: CHAIRMAN PALLADINO

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 APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_\_
 DISAPPROVED\_\_\_\_\_\_
 ABSTAIN\_\_\_\_\_\_

 NOT PARTICIPATING\_\_\_\_\_\_
 REQUEST DISCUSSION\_\_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

Alternative	#1			
Alternative	#2			
Alternative	#3			
Alternative	#4			
Other	XXX	(See	comments	below)

I agree with Commissioner Zech's first paragraph (8/12/85) in that NRC should <u>not</u> initiate any actions for use of the Waste Fund, but should continue to seek resources for HLW activities through the regular budget process.

APPROVE

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YES NO

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# TO: SAMUEL J. CHILK, SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

FROM: COMMISSIONER ROBERTS

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APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_DISAPPROVED\_\_\_\_\_ABSTAIN\_\_\_\_\_NOT PARTICIPATING\_\_\_\_\_REQUEST DISCUSSION\_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

APPROVE

Alternative #1

Alternative #2 Alternative #3

Alternative #4

Other agree with Com. Zech

SIGNATURE

YES NO

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T0:	SAMUEL J. CHILK, SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION		
FROM:	COMMISSIONER BERNTHAL		
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APPROVED	DISAPPROVED ABSTAIN		
NOT PARTICIPATING REQUEST DISCUSSION			

COMMENTS:

#### APPROVE

Alternative #1

Alternative #2

Alternative #3

Alternative #4

YES

Other See attached comments

NO

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Comments of Commissioner Bernthal on SECY 84-456A:

Staff has carried out a thorough analysis of the questions attendant to whether NRC should seek to fund its NWPA-related activities from the Waste Fund. Staff's document can form the basis for the Commission's position at such time as the Commission is asked to comment on any proposed Congressional initiatives in this area. But I agree with Commissioner Zech that there is no need for the NRC, in effect, to "introduce" proposed legislation to address the disposition of the Nuclear Waste Fund.

My personal view would be that, formally or informally as Congress wishes, the NRC should treat DOE as it does any other licensee -- that, with or without formal book transfer of Federal funds, costs associated with the licensing process under the NWPA should be "assessed" DOE on a full costrecovery basis. Congress is quite capable of choosing how to reimburse NRC for those costs via the budget process.



UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555 September 24, 1985

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Executive Director for Operations

> Herzel H.E. Plaine, General Counsel to amuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT:

FROM:

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This is to advise you that Commission (with Commissioner Asselstine disapproving) has agreed that the NRC should not initiate any action to make the waste fund available for its high-level waste activities. The agency should continue to seek the budgetary resources it needs to carry out these activities through the regular budget review and approval process.

A majority of the Commission (with Commissioners Roberts, Asselstine, and Zech agreeing) has agreed to support an amendment to Section 161 W. of the Atomic Energy Act which would authorize the NRC to require DOE to pay a fee for the licensing of waste repositories. The fees should be treated as are all other licensing fees collected by the agency and should go to the Treasury as do present collections. ELD in consultation with OGC, should draft appropriate legislation for submittal to Congress and forward it for Commission review.

10/30/85) (EDO/ELD/OGC) (SECY Suspense:

Chairman Palladino cc: Commissioner Roberts Commissioner Asselstine Commissioner Bernthal Commissioner Zech OPE OCA