

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD
SUBJECT: **SECY-01-0070 - PLAN FOR PREAPPLICATION ACTIVITES ON THE PEBBLE BED MODULAR REACTOR (PBMR)**

Approved X Disapproved _____ Abstain _____
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COMMENTS:
- see attached comments.

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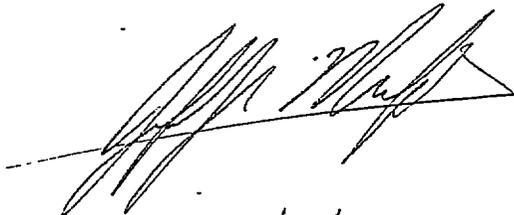
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COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD'S COMMENTS ON SECY-01-0070

I approve the staff's recommendation to proceed with preapplication activities on the pebble bed modular reactor (PBMR), including the DOE-sponsored high-temperature gas-cooled reactor (HTGR) technology assessment and transfer activities, described in Attachment 2 of SECY-01-0070.

I commend the staff for its efforts associated with developing a plan for preapplication activities on the PBMR. I believe the staff's plan is consistent with the Commission's Policy Statement on the Regulation of Advanced Nuclear Power Plants and the Commission's SRM associated with COMJSM-00-0003.

I encourage the staff to keep the Commission informed of its progress on preapplication activities and to promptly notify the Commission when policy issues are identified for resolution.



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