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

November 8, 2016

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-16-0122

TITLE: STATUS OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The Commission acted on the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of November 8, 2016.

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

Enclosures:
1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Burns
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Baran
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VOTING SUMMARY – SECY-16-0122

RECORDED VOTES

	APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENTS	DATE
Chrm. Burns	X				X	11/02/16
Cmr. Svinicki	X					11/03/16
Cmr. Baran	X				X	10/31/16

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

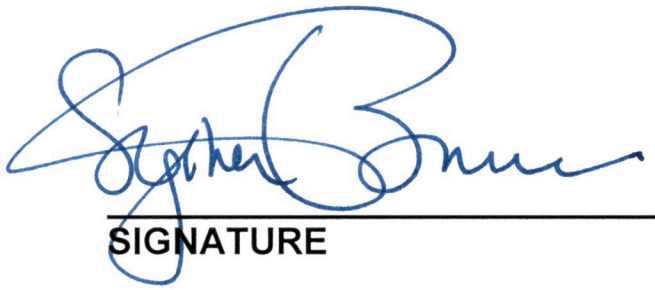
FROM: Chairman Burns

SUBJECT: SECY-16-0122: STATUS OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Approved__X_ Disapproved___ Abstain___ Not Participating___

COMMENTS: Below_X__ Attached___ None___

I approve the staff's recommendation to use a portion of the remaining ~$1.27M in previously appropriated Nuclear Waste Fund funds to update the collection of knowledge management reports to capture new insights since the previous reports were completed.



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NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER SVINICKI

SUBJECT: SECY-16-0122: STATUS OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

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COMMENTS: Below___ Attached___ None_XX__

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RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: Commissioner Baran

SUBJECT: SECY-16-0122: STATUS OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Approved_X__ Disapproved___ Abstain___ Not Participating___

COMMENTS: Below_X__ Attached___ None___

In this paper, the NRC staff recommends using most of the remaining $1.27 million in previously-appropriated Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) dollars for additional knowledge management activities that "would provide detail on the new information and insights that the staff gained in completing" the Safety Evaluation Report for the Yucca Mountain geologic repository application. The staff estimates that this knowledge management effort would cost $700,000 and be completed during fiscal year 2017. According to the staff, "Capturing this information now would position the agency well in the event that the Yucca Mountain repository adjudication is resumed or for potential NRC licensing of another geologic repository for high-level waste." The staff proposes to keep the expected remaining balance of $570,000 in reserve for any unanticipated expenditures. Although the $1.27 million could be used to restart a rulemaking related to fitness-for-duty requirements or security and material control and accounting measures, the staff does not recommend this option because "it is not clear that [such a rulemaking] can be completed with the remaining NFW resources." I think the staff's plan for using the remaining previously-appropriated NWF funds is reasonable and, therefore, approve the staff's recommendation.

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Jeff Baran
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