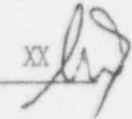


NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: John C. Hoyle, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER DIAZ
SUBJECT: SECY-97-044 - POLICY AND KEY TECHNICAL
ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE WESTINGHOUSE
AP600 STANDARDIZED PASSIVE REACTOR
DESIGN


Approved _____ Disapproved XX  Abstain _____

Not Participating _____ Request Discussion _____

COMMENTS:

Please see attached comments.

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Release Vote

6-27-97
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Withhold Vote

Entered on "AS" Yes No _____

Commissioner Diaz' comments on SECY-97-044

I disapprove the staff's proposed position that the AP600 design be changed to include a containment spray system or equivalent, at this time.

The reasons for this decision are:

1. All the issues listed by Commissioner Roger's on his vote.
2. The staff assertion of the need for an active containment system for mitigation of a severe accident is not well supported. Uncertainties in the absolute value of CDF, etc., from PRAs are facts; presently, the worth of the PRA's results is derived from the relative values and the relationship between the values. If the staff believes that AP600 design uncertainties render any system safety margins below an acceptable regulatory threshold, they should so state in no uncertain terms because of the world wide implications of a passive design certification.
3. I do not believe it is appropriate regulatory policy to add a non-safety related system to perform a safety-related function for advanced design certification. If the AP600 design requires mitigation of containment atmosphere hazards for adequate protection of health and safety the staff should clearly state so and the reasons, as well as recommend pertinent actions to the Commission.