

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: John C. Hoyle, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN

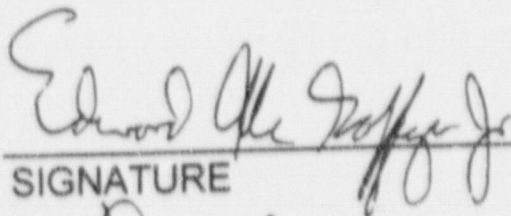
SUBJECT: **SECY-97-275 - GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE  
TO AGREEMENT STATES AND ALTERNATIVES FOR  
TRAINING**

Approved ☒ Disapproved        Abstain       

Not Participating        Request Discussion       

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.

  
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December 19, 1997  
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DATE

Release Vote ☒

Withhold Vote ☐

Entered on "AS" Yes ☒ No

Commissioner McGaffigan's Comments on SECY-97-275:

I approve the staff's approach for offering and providing assistance to the Agreement States on a case-by-case basis that would help State agencies identify and clarify their training needs, and for examining cost-effective alternatives for providing technical assistance and training to the Agreement States. With regard to examining cost-effective training alternatives, I offer the following for the staff's consideration.

I note that the staff has found that NRC's costs for course conversion far exceed any projected savings. So effectiveness and efficiency do not warrant any conversions at this time. This would indicate that the staff's further efforts and resource expenditures in this area should be modest other than those resources being expended for the NRC pilot ventures described. I also agree that the Chief Information Officer should continue to coordinate the assessment of the business case for future investments in alternative training whether for internal NRC purposes or for Agreement State purposes. While the paper thoroughly discusses alternatives to the traditional classroom training approach, there is relatively little discussion on the other, less technology-driven, training alternatives identified (e.g., regional training by NRC, a contractor, or a group of State instructors; agreements with local universities and colleges; or commercially available courses that meet the training objectives). The staff should inform the Commission whether a business case can be made for the use of these training alternatives.

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UNITED STATES  
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January 16, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO:

L. Joseph Callan  
Executive Director for Operations

Anthony J. Galante  
Chief Information Officer

FROM:

*John C. Hoyle*  
John C. Hoyle, Secretary

SUBJECT:

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-275 - GUIDELINES FOR  
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO AGREEMENT STATES AND  
ALTERNATIVES FOR TRAINING

The Commission has approved the staff's approach for offering assistance to the Agreement States on a case-by-case basis that would help State agencies identify and clarify their training needs. This includes (1) continuation of research and evaluation of emerging training technologies, and (2) conversion of selected courses or portions of courses to alternate methodologies where effectiveness and efficiency warrant.

The Chief Information Officer and the staff should continue to coordinate the assessment of the business case for future investments in alternative training whether for internal NRC purposes or for Agreement State purposes. The staff should inform the Commission in the event that a business case can be made for the NRC to use other training alternatives briefly discussed in the paper which are less technology-driven (e.g. regional training by NRC, a contractor, or a group of State instructors; agreements with local universities and colleges; or commercially available courses that meet the training objectives). The business case analysis of training alternatives should be comprehensive and include costs and cost savings to Agreement States as well as to the NRC.

The staff should explore, as appropriate, the off-site training alternative, in particular, locations in Agreement States, and report their findings to the Commission for consideration. (In the context of this SRM, off-site refers to training at sites other than its current normal locations in the TTC, NRC headquarters or regional office, or NRC contractor's office.)

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(SECY Suspense:

4/17/98)

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