

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Commissioner Hanson
SUBJECT: COMSECY-20-0013: Knowledge Management for High-Level Waste Disposal

Approved _____ Disapproved XX Abstain _____ Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below XX Attached _____ None _____

I thank the staff for doing an exemplary job of preserving information regarding the regulatory framework and technical review for Yucca Mountain. The staff issued a five-volume Safety Evaluation Report and Supplement to DOE’s Environmental Impact Statement, conducted two extensive knowledge management activities (including SER “wrap-up” activities), and made adjudicatory documents publicly available and searchable on the NRC’s online database. Furthermore, both the Department of Energy and the national laboratories have conducted extensive knowledge management activities. In this paper, the staff proposes to develop a knowledge management “roadmap” to guide the staff through the key technical areas of the Yucca Mountain review. While there might be some benefit to the roadmap, given the extensive work the staff has already done to preserve information, I think this activity would be redundant and not worth the cost. For these reasons, I disapprove the proposal to develop a roadmap document.

Entered in STARS

Yes x
No _____

Signature
October 5, 2020

Date