

POLICY ISSUE
NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Commissioner Caputo
SUBJECT: SECY-20-0065: Rulemaking Plan Categorical Exclusions from Environmental Review

Approved XX Disapproved _____ Abstain _____ Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below XX Attached _____ None _____

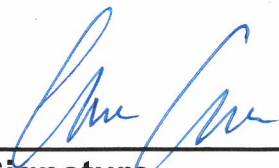
I approve the staff's request to initiate a rulemaking to add new and amend existing categorical exclusions in 10 CFR 51.22 identified as having no significant effect on the human environment. Since the staff last evaluated and updated the agency's list of categorical exclusions in 2010 (75 FR 20248), this rulemaking plan is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's December 6, 2010 recommendations (75 FR 75628) for periodic review and updates of categorical exclusions. Such revisions and updates, if proposed, would strengthen the execution of the NRC's environmental mission by ensuring resources are directed to activities that have the potential to significantly affect the environment. I therefore approve the staff's recommendation to proceed with issuance of an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) to solicit external input on this issue.

I concur with the staff's view that given the narrow scope of this rule, it does not require review by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the Committee to Review Generic Requirements, or the Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes. I also approve the delegation of authority to issue the ANPR to the Executive Director for Operations. I agree with the Chairman's recommendation that the staff should conduct a briefing of the Commissioner Assistants regarding the proposed scope and content of the ANPR no less than two weeks prior to its finalization.

Entered in STARS

Yes X

No _____



Signature

11-18-20

Date