

# AFFIRMATION ITEM

## RESPONSE SHEET

**TO:** Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
**FROM:** Commissioner Baran  
**SUBJECT:** SECY-21-0105: Final Rule: Controlled Unclassified Information (RIN 3150-AK30; NRC-2019-0060)

Approved  Disapproved  Abstain  Not Participating

**COMMENTS:** Below  Attached  None

In 2016, the National Archives and Records Administration issued a Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) rule to standardize the way executive branch agencies handle information that requires protection but is not Classified National Security Information. As part of NRC's transition to a CUI program, the staff recommends issuing a final rule to update two NRC regulations by making non-substantive, nomenclature changes. As the final rule would merely replace outdated terminology with new language covering the same information, I agree with the NRC staff that it would result in no substantive change to the regulations and that a notice and comment period is not required. I therefore approve publication of the final rule in the *Federal Register*.

### Entered in STARS

Yes

No

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