

**POLICY ISSUE**  
**NOTATION VOTE**

**RESPONSE SHEET**

**TO:** Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
**FROM:** Commissioner Wright  
**SUBJECT:** SECY-20-0098 - Path Forward and Recommendations for Certain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Rulemakings

Approved  Disapproved  Abstain  Not Participating

**COMMENTS:** Below  Attached  None

I appreciate the staff's detailed summary of the background, history, and previous Commission direction on issues related to 10 C.F.R. Part 61 and greater-than-Class C (GTCC) waste. I also appreciate the alternative view (Enclosure 1) and the staff's consideration of that view and stakeholder feedback in developing a recommended path forward.

After considering the paper and its enclosures, I approve the staff's recommendation, Option 1, to issue a re-proposed rule that consolidates and integrates the GTCC waste and 10 C.F.R. Part 61 low-level waste radioactive waste rulemaking activities. This combined approach will allow for more effective coordination of these two rulemaking activities and will be a more efficient use of resources than continuing to conduct separate rulemakings.

I approve including the provision for Agreement State licensing of those GTCC waste streams that meet the regulatory requirements for near-surface disposal in the re-proposed rule. I also support the staff's exploration of regulatory approaches that would allow for a single regulator for an Agreement State licensee disposing of GTCC waste in a land disposal facility for those GTCC waste streams that contain strategic special nuclear material. I agree with the staff that this decision does not affect the agency's responsibility over the national materials program to develop safety and security regulations and compatibility standards for this material.

**Entered in STARS**

Yes   
No

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**Signature**

March 21, 2022  
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**Date**