

POLICY ISSUE
NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Commissioner Baran
SUBJECT: SECY-22-0024: Rulemaking Plan for Renewing Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses - Environmental Review

Approved Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None

The review of subsequent license renewal applications has been – and continues to be – a high priority for NRC. To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and ensure that subsequent license renewal decisions rest on a firm legal foundation, it is essential that NRC update the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) to examine the 60–80-year subsequent license renewal period. The license renewal regulation must also be revised so that the GEIS findings can then apply to subsequent license renewal applications.

I appreciate the NRC staff’s thoughtful evaluation of how the necessary work can be accomplished in a thorough and timely way. I approve the staff’s recommended plan for a 24-month rulemaking (Alternative 3). Based on the staff’s analysis, I believe that 24 months is the most expeditious timeframe that is realistic. If the NRC staff encounters challenges with meeting the goal of completing the rulemaking in 24 months, the staff should promptly notify the Commission of any needed adjustments to the target schedule.

Entered in STARS

Yes
No

Signature

3/30/22

Date