

POLICY ISSUE
NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Brooke P. Clark, Secretary

FROM: Commissioner Crowell

SUBJECT: SECY-22-0089: Recommendation for Enhancing the
Emergency Preparedness Significance Determination
Process for the Reactor Oversight

Approved X Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below X Attached None

NRC's emergency preparedness (EP) regulations include 16 standards for developing nuclear power reactor emergency response plans. In SECY-22-0089, the staff recommends revising the EP significance determination process (SDP) so that greater-than-green inspection findings would be associated only with the four risk-significant planning standards, and the two planning standards with direct impact on emergency plan implementation. Any inspection findings associated with the other ten planning standards would result in green significance. These process revisions would, in part, enhance inspection resources by focusing on planning standards with the greatest impact on public health and safety. The staff noted, however, that stakeholders could misinterpret this approach as placing less importance on the ten documentation-related planning standards. As a result, I understand that the staff intends to emphasize in the EP SDP the importance of all 16 planning standards in the emergency plan. I encourage staff to do so as needed to adequately alleviate such stakeholder concerns and to sufficiently emphasize to all licensees that the planning standards are still very important and must continue to be met without exception. As such, I agree with the staff's basis for updating the EP SDP and I approve option 2 in SECY-22-0089.

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