

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

**RESPONSE SHEET**

**TO:** Brooke P. Clark, Secretary  
**FROM:** Chair Hanson  
**SUBJECT:** SECY-22-0087: Recommendation for Problem Identification and Resolution Team Inspection Frequency

Approved  X  Disapproved      Abstain      Not Participating    

**COMMENTS:** Below      Attached  X  None    

**Entered in STAR**

Yes  X   
No    

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**Signature**  
Christopher T. Hanson

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**Date** 12/16/2022

Chair Hanson's Comments on SECY-22-0087: Recommendation for Problem Identification and Resolution Team Inspection Frequency

In this paper, the staff provides for Commission consideration updated options on the Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) team inspection frequency. In SECY-19-0067, the staff recommended modifying the frequency from biennial to triennial. However, the staff subsequently withdrew the paper noting that additional information should be considered for the recommendation. Following the withdrawal, the staff evaluated new information, including the results of the PI&R comprehensive review, and determined that there is no data supporting or refuting the change in the team inspection frequency. The current paper recommends retaining the biennial PI&R team inspection frequency.

The NRC's PI&R inspections are fundamental to the NRC's oversight program. They play a crucial role in providing reasonable assurance that licensees are identifying and correcting problems in a manner that protects the public. I reviewed the staff's recommendation, and given the foundational nature of this issue to our safety mission, found no compelling reason to change the inspection frequency at this time.

The staff's comprehensive review confirmed that the PI&R inspection program is effective. But the review also identified enhancements to be made, and shifting the frequency to triennial does not help implement these enhancements. Further, data show that PI&R inspections identify more inspection findings than any other baseline procedure, highlighting their importance within our oversight program. In light of this, the staff recommends not making substantial changes to the program without further careful consideration.

I agree with the staff's overall approach and therefore approve the staff's recommendation (Option 1) to maintain the team inspection portion of the PI&R inspection program at a biennial frequency.