

POLICY ISSUE
NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Brooke P. Clark, Secretary

FROM: Commissioner Wright

SUBJECT: **SECY-23-0010: Recommendation for Approval to Retire the Reactor Oversight Process Performance Indicator for Licensee Alert and Notification System Availability and to Develop a Performance Indicator for Emergency Response Facility and Equipment Readiness Availability**

Approved X Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below X Attached None

The NRC staff recommends replacing the alert and notification system (ANS) performance indicator (PI) with an emergency response facility and equipment readiness (ERFER) PI. The NRC has used the ANS PI to measure the effectiveness of licensee emergency preparedness (EP) maintenance activities by tracking fixed offsite siren operability. Licensees have historically used these sirens to rapidly notify the public of the need to take protective actions; however, the NRC staff expects that many sites will transition to FEMA’s integrated public alert warning system (IPAWS). Already, eight facilities have discontinued the use of sirens and moved to IPAWS. Once a site moves to IPAWS, the ANS PI is no longer a useful measure of equipment readiness. The proposed ERFER PI performs the same function as the ANS PI yet is not limited to relying solely on siren operability data. The staff’s proposal would allow for a smooth transition to a forward-looking means of verifying EP equipment readiness, while also providing licensees with the flexibility to implement an alert system tailored to the needs of their community. This performance-based approach focuses on measurable outcomes, while providing licensees with flexibility in terms of which technology to use. I approve staff’s recommended Option 3.

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Yes X
No

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