

POLICY ISSUE
NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Carrie M. Safford, Secretary

FROM: Chair Hanson

SUBJECT: SECY-24-0058: Rulemaking Plan on Drug and Alcohol Testing: Technical Issues and Editorial Changes

Approved X Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached X None

Entered in STAR

Yes X

No

Signature
Christopher T. Hanson

Date 12/10/2024

Chair Hanson's Comments on SECY-24-0058: "Rulemaking Plan on Drug and Alcohol Testing: Technical Issues and Editorial Changes"

I appreciate the staff's willingness to ensure the NRC has reliable and effective regulations with regard to drug and alcohol testing, which in turn enhances trustworthiness of the nuclear industry workforce. Proceeding with this rulemaking would align NRC requirements with updates made to the drug testing program requirements of other Federal partners and ensure consistency within the government. This rulemaking would also address the commitment made by the staff in SECY-21-0082, "Final Rule – Fitness for Duty Drug Testing Requirements," to fix technical issues and make editorial changes to Part 26. Lastly, undertaking this rulemaking would ensure the agency incorporates lessons learned from implementing Part 26 throughout the years.

Therefore, I approve the staff's recommendation to initiate a rulemaking to amend Part 26 to address technical and administrative issues associated with the implementation of the drug and alcohol testing program requirements, and to resolve three petitions for rulemaking. Staff should ensure that the proposed changes made in this rulemaking plan are consistent with Part 53, including changes to Sanctions and Medical Review Officer test result reviews.