

POLICY ISSUE
NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Carrie M. Safford, Secretary

FROM: Commissioner Marzano

SUBJECT: SECY-24-0076: Integrated Regulatory Review Service
Mission Scoping Results and Recommendation

Approved X Disapproved Abstain Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached X None

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Yes X

No

Signature

Matthew J. Marzano

Date

Commissioner Marzano's comments on SECY-24-0076: Integrated Regulatory Review Service Mission Scoping Results and Recommendation

I appreciate the staff's efforts to provide the Commission with a thoughtful recommendation to perform an Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) mission. The NRC earns our reputation as the gold standard for nuclear safety regulation in part through strong relationships with international regulators. Maintaining this reputation strengthens the United States' ability to cooperate internationally in nuclear development and supports the United States' goals of exporting our nuclear technologies. Congress has long recognized the importance of NRC's international programs. Most recently, the ADVANCE Act directed the NRC to emphasize its international coordination function to support "forging new global nuclear partnerships."¹ IRRS missions offer an opportunity to further the NRC's international leadership and bolster relationships. Although resource intensive, IRRS missions provide tremendous value to the NRC by supporting a culture of continuous improvement and fostering increased public confidence in the NRC's ability to achieve its mission. Given the dynamic nature of the reactor program, I approve the staff's recommendation to host an IRRS mission focused exclusively on materials activities, facilities, and exposure scenarios under the NRC's Atomic Energy Act jurisdiction (option 3). To allow the staff sufficient time to work with other Federal and State agencies in terms of timing and budget, the staff should initiate a request to the IAEA for the mission three years after the issuance of this SRM, where self-assessment and hosting of the mission would follow on a schedule laid out in SECY-24-0076. However, I recognize that it will be important to perform this benchmarking exercise for the reactor program in the future to assess the NRC's response to increased advanced reactor licensing activities under new regulatory frameworks. I agree with the Chairman that the staff should continue to evaluate appropriate timing for a reactor focused mission. The staff should inform the Commission when they identify such an opportunity.

¹ S. Rept. 118-182 - Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy Act of 2023. (2025, September 27). <https://www.congress.gov/committee-report/118th-congress/senate-report/182/1>