

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

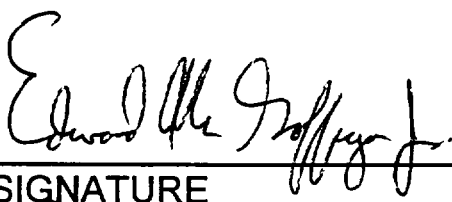
TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN
SUBJECT: **SECY-99-219 - PROPOSED REVISION OF THE
ENFORCEMENT POLICY TO ADDRESS THE PROCESS
FOR ASSESSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF VIOLATION**

Approved Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.



SIGNATURE
September 28, 1999

DATE

Entered on "AS" Yes No

Commissioner McGaffigan's Comments on SECY-99-219

I approve the publication of the revised Enforcement Policy and commend the staff for their efforts in developing and implementing the changes this revision contains. I concur in the comments and edits of Chairman Dicus and attach a couple other minor edits.

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Scientists (UCS), and Public Citizen. The intent of this policy revision is to move towards a more risk-informed and performance-based approach.

The NRC recognizes that additional changes may be considered as a result of ongoing efforts to make improvements to the inspection and performance assessment processes for power reactors. In addition, changes are anticipated in the materials areas that will conform to the move toward risk-informed performance-based inspections in this area.

The more significant changes to the Enforcement Policy (in the order that they appear in the policy) are described below:

I. Introduction and Purpose

This section has been modified by adding a discussion of the relationship between safety and compliance. This discussion captures the essence of the Commission-approved discussion that was previously included as Appendix A to this policy statement. Moving this discussion from the back of the policy to the front improves the logical flow of information and helps ensure that it will not be overlooked.

III. Responsibilities

This section has been modified to reflect the August 9, 1999, reorganization of the office of the Executive Director for Operations. The Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs