

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: CHAIRMAN DICUS


SUBJECT: **SECY-99-234 - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF MILESTONE
FOR FINAL RULEMAKING PACKAGE ON 10 CFR PART 63
(DISPOSAL OF HIGH-LEVEL WASTE AT YUCCA
MOUNTAIN, NEVADA)**

Approved ^{w/comments} _____ Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.


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Comments of Chairman Dicus

With respect to competing resources and complexities surrounding the incomplete status of several important 10 CFR Part 63 related activities, I approve staff's request to extend the milestone for the final rulemaking package from November 30, 1999, to March 31, 2000. This extension will afford the necessary time that staff will need to:

- Meet with DOE and other stakeholders in December to address defense-in-depth issues;
- Complete responses to all Part 63 comments by 12/31;
- Have final rulemaking package into concurrence by 1/31; and
- Send the draft guidance document (i.e., Yucca Mountain Review Plan (YMRP) - Postclosure), defense-in-depth (D-in-D) clarifications, and final Part 63 rulemaking package to the Commission (3/31).

Providing staff with this extension will help ensure submittal of a quality final product.