

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER DIAZ

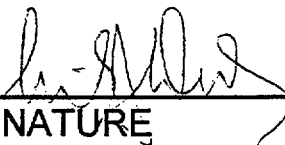
SUBJECT: **SECY-99-251 - POLICY STATEMENT ON STAFF MEETINGS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: REVISION OF SECTION D**

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COMMENTS:

See attached comments.

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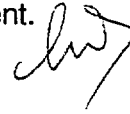
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COMMISSIONER DIAZ'S COMMENTS ON SECY-99-251

Subject to several changes, I approve publication of the proposed Federal Register Notice relating to proposed revisions to the Policy Statement on Staff Meetings Open to the Public. The staff has cited usage patterns that support the proposed recognition -- in the Policy Statement -- of principal reliance on the use of the NRC Web Site for announcement of open staff meetings. However, I believe that the Federal Register Notice should be modified to clearly express that the Commission will not finalize revisions to the Policy Statement or discontinue the existing identified methods of learning about open staff meetings until the Commission has received and examined comments from the public and considered whether any changes in the proposed course are warranted. As the supplementary information already suggests, it would be particularly useful to have comments on the criteria under which the staff may not provide the full 10 calendar-day notice of open staff meetings.

An important component of the staff's plan is to make available personal assistance for identifying scheduled open staff meetings through the use of a toll-free number to the Public Document Room. Thus, I believe this aspect of the recommended approach should be expressly identified in the proposed revisions to the Policy Statement.

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