

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER DICUS  
SUBJECT: **SECY-99-269 - RENEWAL OF THE SAFETY LIGHT CORPORATION LICENSES AT BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

Approved   x   <sup>w/comments</sup> Disapproved        Abstain       

Not Participating       

COMMENTS:

See attached comments.

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SIGNATURE

December 7, 1999  
DATE

Entered on "AS" Yes   x   No

**COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONER DICUS - SECY 99-269**

1. With respect to staff's extensive effort and long-term involvement with SLC, the terms and conditions implemented by the 1994 Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Settlement Agreement, and the programs and controls that SLC has implemented for site decontamination and decommissioning, **I approve Option 2 - License Renewal**. Terminating the licenses under Option 1 would detract from near-term site remediation efforts that staff and the licensee has recently initiated (***decontamination of the two silos and off-site waste disposal***), remove any incentive for SLC to continue contributing to the Settlement Agreement trust fund, and eliminate any incentive to continue site remediation. The two underground disposal silos are the main source of the site's groundwater contamination. Timely remediation of these silos will provide for improving the quality of and adequately protecting the on-site groundwater. As long as SLC remains a viable business and conducts operations in a safe and compliant manner, their occupancy at the site allows for the site to be continually maintained and for remediation efforts to be carried out in a more timely manner, thereby, protecting public health, safety, and the environment.