

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: CHAIRMAN KLEIN
SUBJECT: COMSECY-08-0011 – STAFF PROPOSAL FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE FOR
NUCLEAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS UNDER
THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

Approved Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached None _____



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4/11/08

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes No _____

Chairman Klein' Comments on COMSECY-08-0011

I approve the Staff's proposal for the establishment of a Committee For Nuclear Educational Programs under the Federal Advisory Committee Act for college scholarships and graduate fellowships in nuclear disciplines, subject to the comments provided below. The SRM for this effort directed the staff to establish this Committee for the purpose of providing policy guidance for the expenditure of the \$15 million appropriated to the NRC in the FY 2008 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act. The staff is anticipating the Committee will be established in late FY 2008. In the mean time, the staff will ensure that the current appropriation will be obligated in FY 2008 and advise the Commission on how to best allocate the appropriated funds to fulfill the stated legislated intent of supporting nuclear education. Thus, the establishment of this Committee will be primarily relevant to appropriations the agency may receive in FY 2009 and beyond, for this purpose. I applaud the staff for its initiative.

Revise Section 3, second paragraph, first line to read: The Committee will ~~undertake use~~ **existing** studies, ~~or undertake~~ and activities related to education in nuclear science, engineering, and related trades in order to determine the immediate and projected skills needs of the broad nuclear sector, **as appropriate**.

Revise Section 3, second paragraph, third and fourth lines to read: The Committee will **keep abreast** ~~investigate and determine the degree and focus of~~ nuclear education support activities being undertaken by other stakeholders **to identify any gaps and avoid duplication of effort**.

Revise Section 3, second paragraph, fifth line to read: The Committee will ~~interact~~ **seek input from** with representatives of the public...

Revise Section 10 to read: ~~Not applicable.~~ The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Education is expected to be a continuing committee and to have its charter renewed biennially (every 2 years) ~~for as long as necessary~~ to fulfill its functions, **or until such time as it is deemed no longer necessary by the Commission**.

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TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER JACZKO
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Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached None _____



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9/15/08

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes _____ No _____

**Commissioner Jaczko's Comments on COMSECY-08-0011
Staff Proposal for the Establishment of a Committee for Nuclear Education
Programs under the Federal Advisory Committee Act**

As indicated in my vote on COMDEK-08-0001, Chairman Klein's proposal to establish this advisory committee, I do not believe the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will best use its available resources by establishing this advisory committee. In addition, the Department of Energy has requested approximately \$60 million for a university grant program in the fiscal year 2009 budget request for the department. This program is far more comprehensive than the current program the NRC will administer this year, although it currently lacks specific reference to health physics programs -- an omission that should be corrected. Until the ultimate decision is made about the long-term stewardship of the university research support for nuclear activities, including health physics programs, I do not believe the NRC establishing an advisory committee will provide sufficient benefit to justify annual cost of nearly \$300,000. (This includes \$135,000 for travel and other expenses for committee members and 1 full time equivalent staff position.) These are funds I believe would be better spent on additional grant awards. If the Commission decides to move forward, then I strongly support inclusion of stakeholders representing the health physics profession and minority serving institutions.



Gregory B. Jaczko 4/15/08

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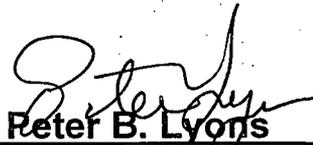
TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER LYONS
SUBJECT: COMSECY-08-0011 – STAFF PROPOSAL FOR
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Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below X Attached _____ None _____

Approved, subject to the Chairman's edits.



Peter B. Lyons
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4/ 11 /08
DATE

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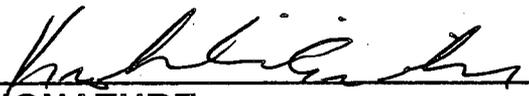
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TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER SVINICKI
SUBJECT: COMSECY-08-0011 – STAFF PROPOSAL FOR
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Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached X None



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4/24/08

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes No

**Commissioner Svinicki's Comments on COMSECY-08-0011
Staff Proposal for the Establishment of a Committee for Nuclear Education
Programs Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act**

I approve the proposed charter for a committee on nuclear educational programs, subject to the following edit.

Insert a new section (4) to the charter as follows and renumber the subsequent sections:

"4. Effective date:

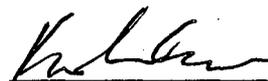
The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Education shall not become effective until October 1, 2008."

I also approve of the Chairman's edits to Sections 3 and 10 as outlined in his vote.

By its action on COMDEK-08-0001, the Commission approved the creation of a committee on nuclear education programs under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) "for the purpose of providing policy guidance on the administration of the \$15 million appropriated to the NRC in the FY 2008 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for college scholarships and graduate fellowships in nuclear disciplines, including trade schools and faculty development grants." [SRM dated 2/25/2008.] Had I been serving as a Commissioner at that time, I would have registered my concerns with the efficacy, timing and scope of this FACA committee being established to guide the execution of funds not requested in either the FY 2008 or FY 2009 agency budgets. The matter before me in this COMSECY, however, is the proposed charter for this FACA committee, the creation of which has already been approved by the Commission.

I agree with Chairman Klein (as stated in his vote in COMSECY-08-0011) that this Committee will be primarily relevant to appropriations the agency may receive in FY 2009 and beyond, since it is the staff who will advise the Commission on how best to allocate currently appropriated funds and ensure that they will be obligated in FY 2008. For this reason, I propose the inclusion of a provision in the charter, delaying its establishment until more is known regarding whether Congress will again appropriate funds to the NRC for this purpose during FY 2009. If neither appropriations committee includes funding for this purpose, the FACA committee would not need to be established.

Finally, although not included in the charter itself, I am compelled to note my disagreement with the notion of any federal advisory committee being tasked with "providing policy guidance" for expenditure of federal funds. Developing these policies is a function the Commission must retain for itself.



Kristine L. Svinicki 4/24/08