

September 10, 1998

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-98-089

TITLE: PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE (DSI-14)

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing in part and disagreeing in part) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of September 10, 1998.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commissioners, and the SRM of September 10, 1998.

John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments: 1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets
3. Final SRM

cc: Chairman Jackson
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
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VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-98-089

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. JACKSON	X	X			X	5/26/98
COMR. DIAZ	X	X			X	6/30/98
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X	X			X	7/14/98

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved in part and disapproved in part the staff's recommendation and provided some additional comments.

Chairman Jackson supported the Communications Coordinating Committee (CCC) recommendations (as opposed to the Executive Council's recommendations) to expand and enhance the glossary of technical terms on the NRC Website. She also supported the CCC recommendations to establish a central audiovisual library of photographs, slides, diagrams, etc. and ongoing development of standardized publications and presentations. She also supported the CCC recommendation to establish a "speaker's Bureau."

Commissioner Diaz expressed a desire for a commitment to change both the "culture" and the "attitude" that has permeated throughout the agency. He requests a simple, permanent, easy to implement statement of Commission policy, with consideration of feedback from the public and the Congress. He also requested development of general principles for effective communications with the public which are simple and include a series of milestones which can be easily implemented.

Commissioner McGaffigan expressed a desire for more risk communication. He disagreed with the proposed revision to Management Directive 6.3 and the need for annual stakeholders' meetings. He urged that the more specific implementation plan to be developed be short and flexible enough to accommodate changes.

Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on September 10, 1998.