

June 15, 1999

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-99-098

TITLE: PUBLICATION OF AN ISSUES PAPER ON RELEASE OF SOLID MATERIALS (CLEARANCE), IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND FOR USE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of June 15, 1999.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commission, and the SRM of June 15, 1999.

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Annette Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

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

cc: Chairman Jackson  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
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VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-99-098

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. JACKSON	X				X	4/26/99
COMR. DICUS	X				X	5/14/99
COMR. DIAZ	X				X	4/26/99
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X				X	5/7/99
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X				X	4/28/99

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and provided some additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on June 15, 1999.

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Commissioner Comments on SECY-99-098

Chairman Jackson

I approve of the staff proposed publication in the Federal Register of an issues paper to be used as a starting point for public discussion on a dose-based regulation for clearance (or unrestricted release) of materials having residual radioactivity. The staff should make minor revisions to the paper based on the edits provided in the attached markup.

Commissioner Diaz

I approve publishing the issues paper of SECY-99-098 to form the basis for discussions at public meetings as part of an enhanced participatory rulemaking process on the release of solid materials.

Commissioner Merrifield

I approve publication of an issues paper on release of solid materials (clearance), in the Federal Register, for public comment and for use at public meetings. This will be a controversial action; and an issues paper to focus the discussions would be beneficial. The Commission directed that this rulemaking be conducted in an expedited manner. Accordingly, the staff has rescheduled several other rulemakings and development of regulatory guidance documents to accommodate the Commission's desires. I will support some refinements to the issues paper, as suggested by either the Chairman or my fellow Commissioners, as long as the requested changes do not unduly delay the start of the public meetings on this important issue.