

May 14, 2004

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM:      SECY-04-0071

TITLE:                      PROPOSED PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE  
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NUCLEAR  
REGULATORY COMMISSION INSPECTIONS OF  
DESIGN ISSUES

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of May 14, 2004.

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

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc:      Chairman Diaz  
         Commissioner McGaffigan  
         Commissioner Merrifield  
         OGC  
         EDO  
         PDR

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-04-0071

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. DIAZ	X					5/11/04
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X				X	4/30/04
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X					5/3/04

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and Commissioner McGaffigan provided additional comments. Subsequently, some of the comments were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on May 14, 2004.

## **Commissioner Comments on SECY-04-0071**

### Commissioner McGaffigan

I approve the engineering pilot program as described in SECY-04-0071. Chairman Diaz deserves credit for urging the staff to focus additional resources on engineering inspections in light of recent design/engineering issues which are described in the attachment to the paper. The staff has responded to the Chairman's tasking with a pilot engineering program that appears sound. I am prepared to support additional resources and a more aggressive program if the results of the initial pilot inspections warrant. Consistent with a commitment being made by the Chairman to the Vermont Public Service Board, I also support Vermont Yankee being chosen as one of the first plants for the engineering pilot inspections.