

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko
SUBJECT: SECY-11-0137 – PRIORITIZATION OF
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN
RESPONSE TO FUKUSHIMA LESSONS LEARNED

Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached X None



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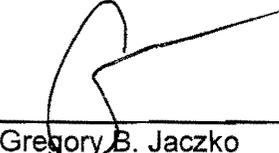
**Chairman Jaczko's Comments on SECY-11-0137,
"Prioritization of Recommended Actions to be Taken in Response to
Fukushima Lessons Learned"**

I commend the staff for their safety focus and the concerted effort they have made to provide the information necessary for the Commission to make a decision on actions needed to improve the safety of nuclear power plants based on the lessons learned, to date, from the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident. In three separate papers to the Commission over the past several months – the Near Term Task Force Recommendations (i.e., SECY-11-0093); the paper on actions to be taken without delay (i.e., SECY-11-0124); and in the subsequent paper on the Prioritization of Recommended Actions (i.e., SECY-11-0137), the NRC staff has identified and explained the basis for needed safety improvements. The staff clearly indicated the direction they think the NRC should be moving to improve the safety of nuclear facilities in the United States. Also, the additional reviews by the staff and interactions with a broad array of external stakeholders has led the staff to propose additional recommendations beyond the Near Term Task Force's recommendations that touch on additional important issues, such as spent fuel storage and emergency planning.

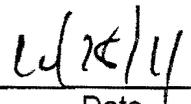
With the information provided by the staff, the advice, to date, of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, and interactions with external stakeholders, the Commission is well positioned to provide clear, definitive direction on the adoption of the Near-Term Task Force recommendations. These same parties have all affirmed that the Near-Term Task Force recommendations are needed and appropriate for improving the safety of nuclear power plants in the United States. I continue to approve the adoption of all the Near-Term Task Force recommendations. I support the proposed actions described in SECY-11-0137 that are needed to implement the recommendations. The use of well-established regulatory processes (e.g., information collection and rulemaking) will continue to provide opportunities for external stakeholders to provide input as the staff documents the technical bases for and develops the language for new or revised requirements.

The Commission, NRC staff, as well as the ACRS, has done a tremendous amount of work thus far. My colleagues have devoted considerable time and attention to the important safety issues raised by the Fukushima accident. While we do not necessarily align on all aspects of the proposed recommendations, I continue to value their views and commitment toward providing the staff with direction to move forward. While a great deal of work has been done, we still have much work ahead of us. Once the Commission has provided the necessary policy direction on which recommendations to implement, the work of the staff and our external stakeholders needs to continue in earnest and in a coordinated fashion to improve the safe operation of nuclear facilities in the United States. I look forward to working with my colleagues in providing the staff any additional policy direction that is needed to implement the recommendations in a timely fashion.

The staff should strive to complete and implement the lessons learned from the Fukushima accident within five years - by 2016. As to some of the actions described in SECY-11-0137 with proposed schedules that indicate completion after five years, the staff should revisit those proposed schedules and look for innovative ways to complete the needed regulatory work within five years.



Gregory B. Jaczko



Date