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SECRETARY

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-12-0010

TITLE: ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING THE
EVENTS IN JAPAN

The Commission (with Commissioners Svinicki, Apostolakis, Magwood, and Ostendorff approving in part and disapproving in part and Chairman Jaczko approving) acted on the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of March 21, 2012.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook", written over a horizontal line.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Jaczko
 Commissioner Svinicki
 Commissioner Apostolakis
 Commissioner Magwood
 Commissioner Ostendorff
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VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-12-0010

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. JACZKO	X				X	3/5/12
COMR. SVINICKI	X	X			X	3/8/12
COMR. APOSTOLAKIS	X	X			X	3/8/12
COMR. MAGWOOD	X	X			X	3/1/12
COMR. OSTENDORFF	X	X			X	2/29/12

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary


FROM: Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko

SUBJECT: SECY-12-00010 – ENGAGEMENT OF
STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING THE EVENTS IN
JAPAN

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Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached X None



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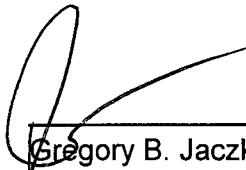
**Chairman Jaczko's Comments on SECY-12-0010,
"Engagement of Stakeholders Regarding the Events In Japan"**

I thank Commissioners Ostendorff and Magwood for their continued support of advancing the openness of the NRC. The past year has been challenging from not only a technical perspective, but also from a communications perspective. As I noted in my vote on SECY-12-0025 regarding the Fukushima Orders, I continue to commend staff's efforts to take unprecedented efforts to involve stakeholders in the evaluation of agency actions resulting from the accident at Fukushima. In addition, the efforts made by the staff in response to Freedom of Information Act requests, the publishing of the transcripts from the Operations Center, and all the inquiries from the White House, Congress, states, and all interested stakeholders, is to be commended.

As noted in the paper, the staff is updating communications guidance. As part of this update, staff should institutionalize the lessons learned from all the efforts documented in the paper, particularly the use of social media, plain language, proper use and maintenance of web pages, and considerations for engaging a full range of stakeholders in the agency's review of issues.

I agree with Commissioners Ostendorff and Magwood that the NRC's Japan Nuclear Actions website should be more useful to our stakeholders and more user-friendly. The staff should provide clear access to chronologies of the events in Japan by providing links to the various recognized reports (such as the INPO report, reports from the Government of Japan, etc.), a clear summary of current status at Fukushima, and a clear chronology of the events the NRC took and continues to take in response to the accident, including links to all relevant documents.

My concern regarding the above activities is that they should not distract from the important safety work the agency is doing to implement the Task Force recommendations as directed by the Commission in past SRMs, as those items should be of higher priority.



Gregory B. Jaczko

3/5/12

Date

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER SVINICKI
SUBJECT: SECY-12-00010 – ENGAGEMENT OF
STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING THE EVENTS IN
JAPAN

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COMMENTS: Below XX Attached _____ None _____

I approve the staff's plans to continue efforts to enhance the NRC's ongoing engagement with the public concerning matters related to Fukushima Dai-ichi and for continuing to leverage existing mechanisms for engaging other organizations. In their votes on this paper, Commissioners Magwood and Ostendorff have pointed out, however, that NRC could undertake efforts to further strengthen our communication on this important topic. I support additional targeted outreach to State officials, as appropriate, and posting of a chronology of Fukushima event progression and/or links on our website to other, authoritative reports and information from Japan, as suggested by Chairman Jaczko.



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NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Commissioner Apostolakis
SUBJECT: SECY-12-0010 – ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS
REGARDING THE EVENTS IN JAPAN

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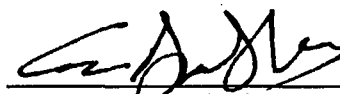
**Commissioner Apostolakis' Comments on SECY-12-0010
Engagement of Stakeholders Regarding the Events in Japan**

I appreciate the efforts of Commissioners Magwood and Ostendorff to highlight the very important issue of effective communication as it relates to the agency's response to the events at Fukushima Dai-ichi. I also commend the staff for their extraordinary outreach efforts during their review and implement of the lessons learned from the accident.

I approve the staff's efforts to ensure ongoing engagement with the public and stakeholders concerning matters related to Fukushima Dai-ichi through normal work processes, as discussed in SECY-12-0010. However, I agree with Commissioner Ostendorff that it is premature to conclude that no further benefit can be gained through additional outreach. Therefore, I join Commissioners Ostendorff and Magwood in disapproving the staff's recommendation to take no further action. I also agree that the staff should assess the effectiveness of the initiatives documented in SECY-12-0010, establish processes and procedures to institutionalize these initiatives, and inform the Commission of the actions taken to accomplish this. Given the challenges experienced in communicating with the States during the Fukushima event, the staff's paper should also provide the status of activities to address these challenges.

In addition, I support Commissioner Magwood's recommendation that the staff proceed with a public meeting involving other Federal and state agencies, and other external stakeholders, as described in Enclosure 2 of SECY-12-0010, and provide the results of that meeting in the information paper described above.

Finally, I agree with Commissioners Ostendorff and Magwood and Chairman Jaczko that the NRC's Japan Nuclear Actions website can and should be improved. I agree with the Chairman that the staff should provide clear access to chronologies of the events in Japan by providing links to the various recognized reports (such as the INPO report, reports from the Government of Japan, etc.), a clear summary of current status at Fukushima Dai-ichi, and a clear discussion of the actions that the NRC took and continues to take in response to the accident, including links to all relevant documents.



George Apostolakis

3/8/12

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER MAGWOOD
SUBJECT: SECY-12-0010 – ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS
REGARDING THE EVENTS IN JAPAN

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Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None



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Commissioner Magwood's Comments on SECY-12-0010
Engagement of Stakeholders Regarding the Events in Japan

I appreciate the staff efforts in continuing to improve communication with internal and external stakeholders regarding the significant events that happened in Japan at the Fukushima Daiichi plant. The efforts outlined by the staff in SECY-12-0010 are enhancing the agency's ability to provide comprehensive, transparent, and clear communication with our stakeholders.

I applaud the efforts and initiatives carried out thus far that have allowed stakeholder input on the Task Force recommendations and the NRC's subsequent actions. As I noted in my vote on SECY-12-0025, the staff's approach demonstrates the ability of the NRC to respond swiftly and responsibly to emerging challenges without sacrificing quality of work or comprehensive stakeholder interaction. There is an opportunity to build on this experience and I support incorporating the processes used to develop our regulatory response to Fukushima into the agency's normal work practices.

However, I do not support the staff conclusion that no further action is necessary. First, as directed in the SRM, a succinct chronology of the Fukushima event and an up-to-date status of the condition of the site should be developed and posted on our web site – with periodic updates as necessary.

In addition, as the Chairperson of the CRCPD noted in a letter to the agency on June 8, 2011, state and local governments found NRC's communications and information dissemination during the Fukushima event unsatisfactory. Lessons were identified during the Fukushima event but they will not be absorbed by our agency until changes are made to policies and procedures that address the communication gaps within the Federal family, and between the Federal Government and state and local officials.

I applaud the staff for continuing to engage with Federal and state organizations but more needs to be done. The staff should proceed with a public meeting involving other Federal agencies, state agencies, and other participants as described in Enclosure 2 of SECY-12-0010. The results of that meeting should be provided to the Commission in an information paper.

I support the recommendation from Commissioner Ostendorff that the staff should assess the effectiveness of the initiatives documented in SECY-12-0010 and establish processes and procedures to institutionalize initiatives documented in the paper. I also agree that the staff should inform the Commission of the results of that assessment and the actions taken to institutionalize the initiatives.

The staff should continue to take appropriate steps to improve communications and outreach. SECY-12-0010 describes some very important initiatives that should continue. We need to continually challenge ourselves to improve our outreach and our listening skills.

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William D. Magwood, IV

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER OSTENDORFF
SUBJECT: SECY-12-0010 – ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS
REGARDING THE EVENTS IN JAPAN

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Commissioner Ostendorff's Comments on SECY-12-0010, "Engagement of Stakeholders Regarding the Events in Japan"

I appreciate the staff's initiatives to engage stakeholders documented in SECY-12-0010. The staff has made substantial progress in this critical area. Because stakeholder engagement plays an important role in ensuring the agency's transparency and openness, I approve continuing to solicit input from our stakeholders and taking appropriate steps to improve communications and outreach. It is equally important that the agency remain committed to responding to the feedback we receive. Therefore, I believe that it is premature to conclude that no further benefit can be gained through additional outreach to advance public communication and education. Therefore, I disapprove the staff's recommendation to take no further actions in this area.

To determine if additional actions are necessary, the staff should assess the effectiveness of the initiatives documented in SECY-12-0010 through soliciting input from public citizens. The staff should also establish processes and procedures to institutionalize initiatives documented in SECY-12-0010 to ensure their sustained and consistent application. The staff should inform the Commission of the results of this assessment, the actions taken to institutionalize the initiatives in SECY-12-0010, and the staff's plans for any additional enhancements. Given the essential role of the States as primary responders during an emergency, the staff's paper should also provide the status of activities to address the challenges experienced in communicating with the States during the Fukushima event.

Lastly, based on my review of the NRC Japan Nuclear Actions web site, a succinct chronology of the Fukushima event and up to date plant status has not been developed. I believe this basic information would be useful to our stakeholders. The staff should develop the chronology and current status of the site, post it in a prominent section of the web site, and periodically update it as necessary.