



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 5, 2014

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-14-0078

TITLE: ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION ON CONSIDERATION  
OF NEW AGENCY POSITION TO DIRECT PUBLIC  
CONCERNS

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of September 5, 2014.

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

Richard J. Laufer  
Acting Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Macfarlane  
Commissioner Svinicki  
Commissioner Ostendorff  
OGC  
EDO  
PDR

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-14-0078

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. MACFARLANE	X				X	8/4/14
COMR. SVINICKI		X			X	8/29/14
COMR. OSTENDORFF	X				X	8/8/14

NOTATION VOTE

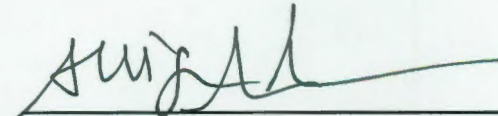
RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane  
SUBJECT: SECY-14-0078 – Analysis and Recommendation on  
Consideration of New Agency Position to Direct  
Public Concerns

Approved  X  Disapproved       Abstain      

Not Participating      

COMMENTS: Below       Attached  X  None      



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8/4/14

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes  X  No




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August 4, 2014

CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM TO: Commissioner Svinicki  
Commissioner Magwood  
Commissioner Ostendorff

FROM: Allison M. Macfarlane 

SUBJECT:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with my views on the staff's policy issue paper "Analysis and Recommendation on Consideration of New Agency Position to Direct Public Concerns" (SECY-14-0078) dated July 30, 2014.

The staff's paper provides a discussion of current agency practices for receiving and responding to public concerns and inquiries, and briefly describes practices from other organizations. The paper offers three options for Commission consideration. I would direct the staff to implement both options 1 and 3 beginning in FY 2015. Directing the staff to execute both of these options will strengthen and coordinate our current approach to addressing public concerns through enhancements to the agency's current framework (option 1); and will also create a new position to direct the public to appropriate processes, conduct followup on the resolution of complaints and concerns, and collect feedback from users (option 3). The titles staff offered for the new position narrowly focus on "concerns." I believe the position should be titled, "Public Engagement Coordinator" and should reside in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations (OEDO).

Before the end of the first quarter of FY 2015, I would like the staff to provide the Commission with an implementation plan for how they will execute the direction to combine options 1 and 3, including the procedures and tools that will be developed to both define and support the new position. Additionally, I expect the plan to explain how potential concerns associated with establishing the new position will be addressed. For example, staff should describe the process that will be put in place to ensure the new position does not hamper or interfere with legal requirements such as Freedom of Information Act processing or communications intended for the Office of the Inspector General.

the staff should seek Commission approval for how they will fund resources to initiate this effort in FY 2015 in the FY 2015 Appropriation Implementation Plan.

SECY, please note that this memorandum serves as my vote on SECY-14-0078.

cc: EDO  
CFO  
SECY

**NOTATION VOTE**

**RESPONSE SHEET**


**TO:** Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
**FROM:** COMMISSIONER SVINICKI  
**SUBJECT:** SECY-14-0078 – Analysis and Recommendation on Consideration of New Agency Position to Direct Public Concerns

Approved XX Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: Below XX Attached \_\_\_ None \_\_\_

I approve the staff's recommended Option 1, but limited only to the enhancements labeled as subelements a, b, and c. I share the staff's view that activities beyond these have the potential to create overlaps. A new position would be redundant with activities carried out by no less than seven current NRC organizations, by my count, and would create a new overhead position at a time when NRC is expressly working to minimize such positions. On a more significant front, OIG has expressed the concern that a new position could have a chilling effect on matters within OIG's purview, particularly whistleblower complaints, or be viewed as interfering with communications intended for OIG. At bottom, the issue to be cured by the creation of a new position has not been defined, and consequently, the solutions here are not targeted and wander in search of a problem to fix. As the staff observes, "existing agency practices comprise a reasonably comprehensive range of opportunities for the public to interact with the agency and submit complaints and concerns." Should the Commission approve the creation of a new position, a disinterested organization within NRC should update the Commission on the position's efficacy 24 months after its establishment.

  
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08/29/14  
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DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER OSTENDORFF  
SUBJECT: SECY-14-0078 – Analysis and Recommendation on  
Consideration of New Agency Position to Direct  
Public Concerns

Approved  X  Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: Below  X  Attached \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

I approve staff's proposal consistent with Chairman MacFarlane's vote as modified below.

To initiate this effort in FY 2015, the staff should enhance the agency's processes for public interactions described in Option 1, to the extent possible, within current funding.

Additionally, the staff should include the elements of Option 1, i.e., collect public views and leverage external expertise, into the roles and responsibilities of the new position described in Option 3.

WCO Ostendorff  
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8/8/14  
DATE

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