

Commissioner McGaffigan's Comments on SECY-98-231:

I have no objection to the staff's plan to grant two specific exemptions from Part 71 transportation package test requirements for the Trojan Reactor Vessel Package (TRVP) and authorize the TRVP for one-time shipment to the disposal facility operated by U.S. Ecology on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Washington. I also suggest the following edits.

- The following sentence should be added to the end of the first paragraph of the letter to the Trojan Nuclear Plant: "The Commission has also determined that the TRVP shipment will not significantly affect the public health and safety or adversely impact the environment."
- The first sentence of the draft Congressional letter should be modified to read as follows: "This letter is to inform you of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) final decision on...."
- The Washington Department of Health--responsible for the waste classification of the TRVP--should also be notified of the NRC's final decision in this matter.
- The Oregon, as well as Washington, Congressional Delegations and the Governors of both States should be notified of NRC's final decision in the matter by a letter signed by the Chairman.