

May 18, 1999

MEMORANDUM William D. Travers  
TO: Executive Director for Operations  
FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/  
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-065 - REVISION OF MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 10.159, *DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEWS OR OPINIONS*

This is to advise you that the Commission has not objected to the proposed revisions to Management Directive 10.159, subject to the changes provided in the attachment.

As the Chairman, on behalf of the Commission, is to 'see to the faithful execution of the policies and decisions of the Commission,' (i.e., implementation of policy that the Commission has decided), it is more appropriate for the Chairman, rather than SECY, for Commission-level offices, to be responsible for ensuring that actions and follow up actions on differing professional views (DPV) are handled in a timely and proper manner.

Reports on timeliness should go to both the Chairman and SECY to allow for the management activities by the Chairman and the tracking activities performed by SECY.

Attachment: [As stated](#)

cc: Chairman Jackson  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
OGC  
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OPA  
Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail)  
PDR  
DCS

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### **Changes to the Proposed Revision to Management Directive 10.159 in SECY-99-065**

#### Changes to the Management Directive

1. At the top of page 3, replace 'Secretary of the Commission (SECY)' with 'Chairman'.
2. On page 3, line 1, insert 'in Commission-level offices,' after 'directors'.
3. On page 4, in line 1 under DEDE, insert 'staff' after 'from'.
4. On page 5, line 1, replace 'SECY' with 'the Chairman'.

#### Changes to the Handbook

1. On page 6, paragraph 2, in the next to last line, replace 'Secretary of the Commission' with 'Chairman'.
2. On page 6, paragraph 3, line 6, replace 'Secretary of the Commission (SECY)' with 'Chairman'.
3. On page 7, line 4 from the top, replace 'SECY' with 'the Chairman'.