

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland

Wednesday, August 15, 2001

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 1:25 p.m., Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD A. MESERVE, Chairman

GRETA J. DICUS, Member of the Commission

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary

KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Good afternoon. We started a new tradition for a meeting and it's a pleasant one - going in and shaking hands. Before we get started we do have one other piece of business that we need to take care of which is an affirmation matter. Madam Secretary.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Parts 30, 70, 72, and 150. The amendments would allow licensing for interim storage of power reactor-related greater than Class C (GTCC) waste in a manner that is consistent with licensing the interim storage of spent fuel and would maintain Federal jurisdiction over the interim storage of reactor-related GTCC waste either on or off the reactor site. These amendments provide an option that would simplify and clarify the licensing process and reduce the potential burden on licensees, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and Agreement States, with no adverse effect on public health and safety, or the environment.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule, with changes as provided in the attachment. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Thank you Madam Secretary.

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