

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER DIAZ
SUBJECT: **SECY-01-0009 - MODIFIED REACTOR SAFETY GOAL
POLICY STATEMENT**

Approved _____ Disapproved xx Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS:

I commend the staff for the work done on modifying the reactor safety goals in response to the Commission's Staff Requirements Memoranda on SECY-97-208, SECY-98-101, SECY-99-191, and SECY-00-0077. I believe the existing reactor safety goals have provided, and continue to provide a foundation for improved safety-focused regulation. The modified reactor safety goals appear not to advance the intent nor the specificity of the established safety goals. The proposed modifications to the safety goals are generally articulated in other NRC documents and incorporation into the reactor safety goals is unnecessary. Furthermore, I believe that modifying the reactor safety goals now could inject a degree of instability counterproductive to the many initiatives the Commission has undertaken. Moreover, SECY-00-0077 noted that there was no strong public support for modifying the safety goal policy statement among public interest groups and industry representatives.

The Commission has multiple initiatives, including Options 2 and 3 for risk-informing Part 50, that will result in a foundation for a substantive improvement to the reactor safety goals policy statement. I recommend we do not proceed with the present modification and revisit the issue after the completion of risk-informing Part 50.



SIGNATURE

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