



SECRETARY

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

August 31, 2011

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-11-0105

TITLE: PROPOSED MINOR REVISION TO MANAGEMENT
DIRECTIVE 5.12, INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR EVENT
SCALE PARTICIPATION

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of August 31, 2011.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook", written over a horizontal line.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Jaczko
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Apostolakis
Commissioner Magwood
Commissioner Ostendorff
OGC
EDO
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VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-11-0105

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. JACZKO	X					8/17/11
COMR. SVINICKI	X				X	8/23/11
COMR. APOSTOLAKIS	X					8/16/11
COMR. MAGWOOD	X				X	8/22/11
COMR. OSTENDORFF	X				X	8/12/11

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary


FROM: CHAIRMAN JACZKO

SUBJECT: SECY-11-0105 – PROPOSED MINOR REVISION TO
MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 5.12, "INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR EVENT SCALE PARTICIPATION"

Approved x Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None x



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8/17/11

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes x No

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER SVINICKI

SUBJECT: SECY-11-0105 – PROPOSED MINOR REVISION TO
MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 5.12, "INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR EVENT SCALE PARTICIPATION"

Approved XX Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached XX None _____


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DATE

08/23/11

Entered on "STARS" Yes ☒ No _____

**Commissioner Svinicki's Comments on SECY-11-0105
Proposed Minor Revision to Management Directive 5.12,
"International Nuclear Event Scale Participation"**

The International Nuclear Event Scale (INES) exists to facilitate understanding of nuclear events by using a numerical rating to explain the significance of nuclear or radiological events. Subsequent to the events at Fukushima-Daiichi, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the INES Advisory Committee, and the international nuclear community are engaged in efforts to evaluate the usefulness of the INES.

As established by Commission policy in 2002, the NRC submits reports for U.S. events rated Level 2 (incident) or higher. The staff now proposes to submit event reports for certain events rated Level 1 (anomalies) and Below Scale/Level 0 (no safety significance). I approve this request.

This proposal introduces a potential discontinuity, however, between the reporting of the United States and that of other nations. No clear definition is provided by the staff for those events at Below Scale/Level 0 or Level 1 that the staff proposes to submit to INES. Examples provided by the staff of events that it would have submitted in recent years, if this change had been in effect, are of events about which information was already available on the NRC's public website at the time "international interest" was generated. If the staff proposes to submit an event to INES that is Level 1 or Below Scale / Level 0, the staff should inform the Commission in writing at least three business days in advance. If the Commission takes no action in that time, the Level 1 or Below Scale / Level 0 event may be submitted to INES.

Regardless of whether an event is submitted to INES, the NRC should continue to be as open and transparent as it has been, by making information about U.S. events promptly, publicly available through the NRC's normal practices.



Kristine L. Svinicki 08/23/11

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary


FROM: Commissioner Apostolakis

SUBJECT: SECY-11-0105 – PROPOSED MINOR REVISION TO
MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 5.12, "INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR EVENT SCALE PARTICIPATION"

Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None X



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8/24/11

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes ✓ No

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER MAGWOOD

SUBJECT: SECY-11-0105 – PROPOSED MINOR REVISION TO
MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 5.12, "INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR EVENT SCALE PARTICIPATION"

Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below X Attached None

I approve Option 2; to revise MD 5.12 to allow NRC reporting of events that attract international public interest. However, I recommend that staff take care in assuring that U.S. events reflected in the INES are always placed in the appropriate safety context.



SIGNATURE

22 August 2011

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes X No

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER OSTENDORFF

SUBJECT: SECY-11-0105 – PROPOSED MINOR REVISION TO
MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 5.12, "INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR EVENT SCALE PARTICIPATION"

Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below X Attached None

I approve Option 2 as recommended by the staff. I believe Option 2 will enhance our communications with the international community.



SIGNATURE

 8/12/11

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes X No