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Status of Decision on Filtering Vents and
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PAPER NUMBER: LTR-12-0403 **LOGGING DATE:** 08/06/2012
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Joosten, Sandy

From: Bobleyse@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2012 2:49 PM
To: CHAIRMAN Resource
Cc: OPA Resource
Subject: Status of decision on filtered venting? Where is the July policy paper?

You are the new Chair. What is going on?

SECY-12-0025 and Filtered Venting

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/secys/2012/2012-0025scy.pdf>

From page 16 of 176:

The staff has determined that there are technical and policy issues to be resolved before regulatory action can be taken to require licensees to install filtered vents. One policy issue that needs further study is whether containment vents, with or without filters, should be required to operate under severe accident conditions. The staff will also take into consideration regulatory action to require controlled venting of structures other than the reactor building, such as those housing spent fuel pools. The staff plans to provide the Commission a notation vote paper on these policy issues in July 2012.

Jaczko and Filtered Venting

On February 27, 2012, NRC Chairman Jaczko said, "... important that the Commission make a decision on the topic of filtered vents this summer"

A policy paper from the staff was expected during July 2012. Here is Jaczko's NOTATION VOTE

<http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1206/ML120610153.pdf>

Following is paragraph four from page 2 of 3:

I support the staff's evaluation regarding waiting until February 2013, to require submission of licensee plans for implementing their hardened vent designs to allow time for a Commission decision on the topic of filtered vents. As noted in the SECY, the staff plans to send a policy paper to the Commission in July 2012 which will outline considerations for the addition of filters to the hardened vent designs. I believe it is important that the Commission make a decision on the topic of filtered vents this summer so that licensees will have more certainty and can move forward with implementing their vent designs without fear of NRC changing the requirements.

However, no policy paper has appeared during July 2012