

AFFIRMATION ITEM

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: Chairman Burns

SUBJECT: COMSECY-16-0021: RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING THE AGENCY'S LONG-TERM
RESEARCH PROGRAM

Approved X **Disapproved** **Abstain** **Not Participating**

Comments: Below X **Attached** **None**

I appreciate the staff's evaluation of the Long-Term Research Program (LTRP) and consideration of how the LTRP contributes to the overarching research program.


I approve the staff's three recommendations, namely, to (1) eliminate the LTRP as a separate program, but continue using feasibility studies to evaluate future research; (2) eliminate the annual commission paper on planned feasibility studies; and (3) maintain the existing relationship between the Generic Issues program and research projects.

I agree with the staff's evaluation that this will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the research program.

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TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER SVINICKI

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Comments: Below Attached None XX



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TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: Commissioner Baran

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Comments: Below X Attached None

As part of Project Aim, the NRC staff evaluated the Long-Term Research Program (LTRP) and how it contributes to NRC's overall research program. Based on this evaluation, the staff makes three recommendations related to the LTRP. I agree with the staff that it is unnecessary to designate certain research as "long-term" and to pursue such research under a separate LTRP. The agency engages in both confirmatory research for near-term regulatory needs and anticipatory, forward-looking research to lay the foundation for addressing future regulatory issues. Research of both types can be "long-term," so that designation is not particularly useful. I also agree with the staff that it is unnecessary to prepare an annual report for the Commission on future feasibility studies. The staff can keep the Commission well-informed of the spectrum of agency research through the annual budget process, enhanced reporting and tracking of research projects, Commission meetings, periodic meetings, and other updates. Finally, because the research program and generic issues program serve different purposes, I agree with the staff that these important programs should remain separate. For these reasons, I approve each of the staff's recommendations.

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