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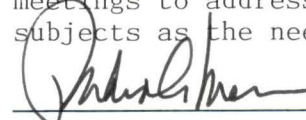
REQUEST REPLY BY 1/25/00

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

COMSECY-00-0003

January 7, 2000

I approve continuing to schedule broad stakeholder meetings to address overall direction on an annual basis, or as needed. I recommend that the Commission continue to schedule stakeholder meetings to address specific subjects as the need arises.



Richard A. Meserve

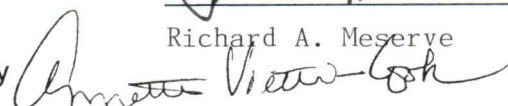
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MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM:

Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary



SUBJECT:

MEETINGS ON NRC RESPONSE TO
STAKEHOLDERS' CONCERNS

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SECY please track.

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I approve scheduling an annual stakeholder meeting with Reactor stakeholders and an annual stakeholder meeting with Materials stakeholders.

Greta Joy Dicus
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1-14-00

FROM:

Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

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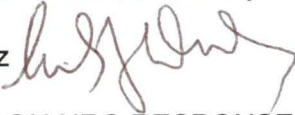
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January 18, 2000

COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: Nils J. Diaz 

SUBJECT: MEETING ON NRC RESPONSE TO STAKEHOLDERS'S
CONCERNS -- COMSECY-00-0003

I approve your recommendation that the Commission continue conducting broad stakeholder meetings in the reactor and nuclear materials/waste areas. I recommend that each be scheduled annually. In addition, I recommend that the staff further evaluate the benefit of broad stakeholder meetings after two more years of experience.



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COMSECY-00-0003

January 7, 2000

Approved. In light of the rapid changes affecting the reactor safety strategic arena, I favor conducting meetings with reactor stakeholders at perhaps 6 to 8 month intervals. For materials stakeholders, I favor annual meetings.

Edward McGaffigan, Jr.

Edward McGaffigan, Jr. 01/27/00

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

Annette Vietti-Cook

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Commissioner Merrifield

*Approve - see
attached comment
Lynne D. Sausser
Jeffrey S. Merrifield
1-21-00*

FROM:

Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

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Commissioner Merrifield's Vote on COMSECY 00-0003

I approve SECY's recommendation to continue to schedule broad stakeholder meetings. I believe they serve several important roles for this agency. First, it is important to continue to readily receive stakeholder input and concerns on issues prior to those issues becoming too developed. Typically, the earlier we are aware of stakeholder concerns, the more efficiently the agency can focus our efforts in the appropriate direction. Secondly, these meetings reinforce NRC's commitment to maintain openness in the regulatory process. It is important that we continue to demonstrate that commitment to both our stakeholders and to Congress. Lastly, I believe that the broad stakeholder meetings can capture beneficial suggestions on issues that may not be covered by meetings with specific topics. They should continue to be held at the same frequency (every 6 months) to allow stakeholders the opportunity to voice their views on topics they believe warrant Commission attention.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Merrifield", written over a horizontal line.

1/21/00