

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

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TO: John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission

FROM: COMMISSIONER DICUS

SUBJECT: SECY-96-189 - ISSUANCE OF 10 CFR 50.54(f)
LETTERS ON THE AVAILABILITY AND ADEQUACY
OF DESIGN BASES INFORMATION

Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating Request Discussion

COMMENTS:

I approve with the attached comments.

I understand that the primary purpose of this action is to gain information that will help determine whether future regulatory actions or activities, including possible team inspections focused on design-related issues, are needed.

Greta Jay Dicus
SIGNATURE

Release Vote X

September 20, 1996
DATE

Withhold Vote
Entered on "AS" Yes ✓ No

Cmr. Dicus' comments to SECY-96-189.

1. I approve issuance of the letters under the signature of the EDO, and agree with Cmr. McGaffigan that the recent change in enforcement policy should be referenced in the letters.
2. I agree that it is, and has been, each licensee's responsibility to know their plant's licensing and design basis, to have appropriate documentation that defines and maintains these bases, and to have effective processes for performing the necessary assessments of plant or procedure changes required by NRC regulations.
3. Request No. 1 should include a request for a status and schedule of current design basis management program activities for programs that were approved and implemented prior to the issue date of the 50.54(f) letter, and to eliminate the request for programs that are only in the planning stage. This information is useful in focusing NRC resources on the current state of the facilities and away from promised improvements that have not always been implemented in the past. To maintain consistency, conforming changes to the rest of the letter should also be made.
4. Should any inspection activity be deemed appropriate, timing and notification to licensees of upcoming inspections (number of inspections, plant selections, and schedule) should be such that the inspections will provide meaningful representations of a licensee's maintenance of its design and licensing bases, as well as the accuracy and accessibility of the related documentation.