

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: John C. Hoyle, Secretary

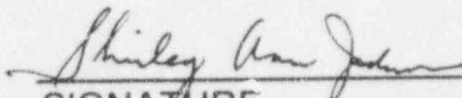
FROM: CHAIRMAN JACKSON

SUBJECT: **SECY-97-124 - PROPOSED FEDERAL POLICY REGARDING
USE OF POTASSIUM IODIDE AFTER A SEVERE ACCIDENT
AT A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

Approved ^{Option 2} xx Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____ Request Discussion _____

COMMENTS: (Attached)


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Release Vote / x /

June 26, 1997

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Withhold Vote / /

Entered on "AS" Yes x No _____

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Chairman Jackson's Comments on SECY-97-124

I approve Option 2. The existence and the availability of three Federal stockpiles of KI for nuclear biological and chemical events and the planned establishment of 26 additional Federal KI stockpiles should provide assurance to States and local governments that a Federal stockpile of KI is available, should it be needed. Given the central role of States and local governments in protecting public health and safety, this option allows States to recognize circumstances in their particular States where the use of KI may be beneficial. However, it will not unnecessarily impose a requirement on States, but allow them to weigh, for their populations, the radioprotective benefit of KI distribution in light of projected risks, taking into account state emergency preparedness plans and a State's efforts to evacuate or shelter its citizens, prior to a nuclear reactor accident progressing to a stage with significant off-site releases. I further agree with the comment in Commissioner Licus' vote that KI stockpiles should be maintained for NRC employees who are expected to perform first responder responsibilities.