



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

February 26, 2015

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

SECRETARY

DECISION ITEM: SECY-15-0005

TITLE: RECOMMENDATION TO SUNSET THE
DECOMMISSIONING TRUST FUND SPOT-CHECK
PROGRAM

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of February 26, 2015.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in brown ink, reading "Annette L. Vietti-Cook".

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Burns
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Ostendorff
Commissioner Baran
OGC
EDO
PDR

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-15-0005

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. BURNS	X					2/24/15
COMR. SVINICKI	X				X	1/27/15
COMR. OSTENDORFF	X				X	2/13/15
COMR. BARAN	X				X	2/20/15

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Chairman Burns
SUBJECT: SECY-15-0005: RECOMMENDATION TO SUNSET THE
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Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None X

Original signed by
Steve Baggett
24 February 2015



SIGNATURE

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes X No

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER SVINICKI
SUBJECT: SECY-15-0005: RECOMMENDATION TO SUNSET THE
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Approved XX Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below XX Attached _____ None _____

I commend the staff for maintaining vigilance in monitoring the span of NRC's regulatory activities and making evidence-based recommendations to suspend or modify those that do not return value to our regulatory program in the way that was forecast when they were initiated. I encourage the staff to continue such identification, so that agency resources can be committed to activities of greatest impact to safety and security.



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Entered on "STARS" Yes No _____

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER OSTENDORFF
SUBJECT: SECY-15-0005: RECOMMENDATION TO SUNSET THE
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Approved XX Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below XX Attached _____ None _____

I approve the staff's recommendation to sunset the decommissioning spot check program in its current form. I agree with Commissioner Svinicki that the staff should continue to identify regulatory activities that do not return value to our regulatory program in the way that was forecast when they were initiated. I also encourage the staff to continue to focus agency resources on activities of greatest impact to safety and security.



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2/13/15

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NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET


TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Commissioner Baran
SUBJECT: SECY-15-0005: RECOMMENDATION TO SUNSET THE
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Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below X Attached None

Although I appreciate the Inspector General's 2006 recommendation that served as the impetus for the creation of the decommissioning trust fund spot-check program, I approve the staff's recommendation to sunset the program in its current form. The NRC staff has been conducting spot-checks since 2008 and reports that it "has not identified any significant misreporting of fund balances." In light of that track record, I am persuaded that it is no longer necessary for NRC staff to travel to corporate offices to physically compare the information in the trust fund balance statements with the information provided by licensees in their biennial Decommissioning Fund Status reports. However, I agree with the staff that spot-checks should be conducted "on an as-needed basis when there is sufficient justification." The staff should provide the Commission with a Commissioner's Assistant note describing what factors will be used to determine when it is appropriate to perform "as-needed" decommissioning fund spot-checks moving forward.



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2/20/15

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