



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

January 24, 2008

SECRETARY

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-07-0078

TITLE: OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF FUTURE REPLENISHMENT OF
POTASSIUM IODIDE

The Commission (with Chairman Klein and Commissioner Lyons abstaining and Commissioner Jaczko disapproving) responded to the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of January 24, 2008.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook", written over a horizontal line.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
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VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-07-0078

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. KLEIN			X		X	1/17/08
COMR. JACZKO		X			X	9/24/07
COMR. LYONS			X		X	1/17/08

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, Chairman Klein and Commissioner Lyons abstained and Commissioner Jaczko disapproved the staff's recommendation and all Commissioners provided additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on January 24, 2008.

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

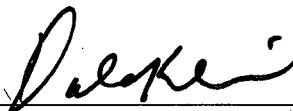
FROM: CHAIRMAN KLEIN

SUBJECT: SECY-07-0078 - OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FUTURE
REPLENISHMENT OF POTASSIUM IODIDE

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Abstain XX

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached XX None _____



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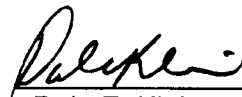
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**Chairman Klein's Comments on SECY-07-0078, Options and Recommendations
for the Responsibility of Future Replenishment of Potassium Iodide**

I am abstaining from voting on SECY-07-0078 because I approve the staff's request of January 9, 2008 to withdraw this paper from Commission consideration. In view of the changing scope of the agency's responsibilities regarding potassium iodide, it is prudent for the Commission to take no action at this time on the proposals contained in this paper. The staff should submit revised options and recommendations for future replenishment of potassium iodide after the changes to the NRC's overall responsibilities in this area are better understood.



Dale E. Klein 1/17/2008

NOTATION VOTE

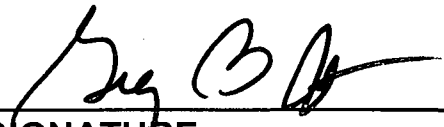
RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER JACZKO
SUBJECT: SECY-07-0078 - OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FUTURE
REPLENISHMENT OF POTASSIUM IODIDE

Approved _____ Disapproved X Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached X None _____



SIGNATURE

9/24/07

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes X No _____


**Commissioner Gregory B. Jaczko's Comments on SECY-07-0078
Options and Recommendations for the Responsibility of Future Replenishment of
Potassium Iodide**

I disapprove of the option recommended by the staff to maintain long term responsibility for the potassium iodide program. Instead, I approve the third option discussed by the staff which would be to pursue the transfer of this program to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

As the staff notes in the discussion of this option, HHS is the agency in the U.S. government tasked with maintaining an emergency stockpile of pharmaceuticals. They manage distribution and administration programs for drugs that may be necessary in a number of national incidents. Because it is directly in line with the agency's health mission, it would be more efficient for HHS to manage the KI program.

The NRC has gone on record with concern about the direction HHS has been given to pursue KI distribution beyond the 10-mile emergency planning zones. There is a belief that taking this step could undermine public confidence in the emergency preparedness structure in place around nuclear power plants for little benefit because recent science indicates KI is of marginal value. I understand these concerns and agree recent studies of Chernobyl indicate focusing on ingestion pathways is the most effective way to decrease the risk of thyroid cancer.

I do not agree, however, that providing States with the option of requesting KI for additional communities will undermine public confidence. This prophylaxis remains one voluntary, discretionary, and low-cost element of emergency preparedness plans that when all the pieces are combined, offer a reasonable assurance of adequate safety in the event of an incident at a nuclear power plant.



Gregory B. Jaczko

9/27/07

Date

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER LYONS

SUBJECT: SECY-07-0078 - OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FUTURE REPLENISHMENT OF
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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Abstain X

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below X Attached _____ None _____

I abstain from voting on SECY-07-0078 and agree with the
Chairman's comments in this regard.



Peter B. Lyons

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DATE

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