

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
Friday, March 7, 2003

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:55 a.m.

Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD A. MESERVE, Chairman

GRETA JOY DICUS, Member of the Commission

NILS J. DIAZ, Member of the Commission

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

STEPHEN G. BURNS, Office of the General Counsel

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[9:55 a.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. VIETTI-COOK : The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart G on availability of official records in three areas. The amendments: (1) require those who submit documents claimed to contain proprietary or other confidential information to specifically mark those portions of the document containing such information to decrease the chances of inadvertent public release of the information by the NRC; (2) codify NRC's practices and delineate the circumstances under which the agency will not return confidential documents that have been submitted to the NRC; and (3) codify NRC's practices of making as many copies of copyrighted material submitted to the agency as it needs to perform its regulatory and licensing functions.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule subject to the changes attached. Could you please affirm your votes.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye

MS. VIETTI-COOK: That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Good. Thank you Madam Secretary.

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