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NRC CHAIRMAN GREGORY B. JACZKO'S PREPARED REMARKS FOR TODAY'S MEETING ON FEDERAL AND STATE MATERIALS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Good morning. The Commission meets today to receive the program briefing from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME). Working with the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, FSME is responsible for carrying out the NRC's important responsibilities for ensuring that nuclear materials are used safely and securely.

Thousands of hospitals, universities, and other locations across the United States use nuclear materials for medical, academic, industrial, and commercial activities. The NRC must sustain a diverse array of regulatory capabilities in order to oversee such a large number of facilities and users. Those capabilities include our ability to work effectively and collaboratively with a broad range of stakeholders, including other federal agencies, both Agreement and non-Agreement states, Native American tribal governments, and the public. I want to recognize the outstanding efforts by the FSME staff in conducting these important communications and outreach efforts.

We have several important issues on the agenda today, including the discussion of the NRC's important medical program. I look forward to hearing the staff presentations.

Before I turn to my fellow Commissioners for their opening remarks, I want to recognize that this is Bruce Mallet's last appearance before the Commission as Deputy Executive Director for Operations prior to his retirement next month. Bruce has served the agency with distinction as Deputy EDO, as a Regional Administrator, and in the many other positions he has held with the agency. Bruce has made tremendous contributions to the NRC in these various capacities. Thank you, Bruce, for your hard work, your professionalism, and your commitment to public service throughout your career.

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