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OPENING REMARKS OF NRC CHAIRMAN GREGORY B. JACZKO AT TODAY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS MEETING

Good afternoon. The Commission meets today with members of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) to discuss several important issues, including fire protection, the safety research program, the containment accident pressure credit issue and the disposal of depleted uranium.

The Commission benefits greatly from the independent perspective and the diverse array of technical expertise and professional experiences that the ACRS brings to bear on these and other issues. The ACRS's outstanding work has always been extremely valuable to the Commission, and it has been further recognized by the President and the Congress with the appointment of Commissioner Apostolakis, a former member and chairman of the ACRS.

The Commission highly values ACRS's independent role within the agency. In reviewing the staff's work, asking tough questions, and making clear recommendations, the ACRS helps promote the type of open and constructive dialogue that is at the heart of a strong safety culture and sound decision making.

Before we begin, I want to take a moment to recognize that Dr. Dana Powers began his fifth term on the ACRS last week. At the end of this term, he will have served on the ACRS for 20 years. On behalf of the Commission, Dr. Powers, we appreciate your past service and your continued commitment to the NRC.

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