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OPENING REMARKS OF NRC CHAIRMAN GREGORY JACZKO AT THE BRIEFING ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON AMERICA'S NUCLEAR FUTURE

We're meeting here today to talk with representatives of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future as well as the NRC staff. This meeting offers an important opportunity for the agency to discuss in detail the comprehensive recommendations that the Blue Ribbon Commission made to Energy Secretary Chu this past January. This report is the culmination of nearly two years of work by the Commission in developing recommendations for creating a safe, long-term solution for managing and disposing of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

We are very pleased to have General Brent Scowcroft here today to talk about the report. It is important to hear directly from the Blue Ribbon Commission on its eight key recommendations and their possible implications. Many of these recommendations require action by the Administration and Congress, but the path and progress of these efforts will have significant implications on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The more we know going forward, the better we can plan ahead. The issues of permanent storage for spent nuclear fuel are very important for the country, and we look forward to a very interesting discussion today.

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