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STATEMENT OF NRC CHAIRMAN GREGORY B. JACZKO

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Inspector General conducted a comprehensive review of the agency's handling of the High-Level Waste program. The conclusions of the report reaffirm that my actions have been and remain consistent with established law, guidance, and my authorities as Chairman. With the IG report now completed, we can all move forward with a renewed commitment to ensuring public health and safety in the use of nuclear materials – the essential mission of the NRC.

The closeout of the Yucca Mountain license review has been a complicated issue, with dedicated and experienced people holding different viewpoints. All NRC Chairmen have the responsibility to make difficult and sometimes controversial decisions. The IG plays an important role in enabling the American people to continue to have confidence that my focus as Chairman – and the entire agency's focus – is on effectively carrying out the NRC's vital safety mission. Thus, I appreciate the thoroughness with which the IG and his staff conducted this comprehensive review over the last seven months.

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