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## **OPENING REMARKS BY NRC CHAIRMAN, GREGORY B. JACZKO AT THE COMMISSION BRIEFING ON LICENSE RENEWAL AND TEST REACTORS**

Good morning. We're meeting today to talk about the license renewal status of research and test training reactors. It's an important issue as we work to deal with what has been a significant backlog of renewals for RTR licenses. I am pleased to hear that we have made considerable progress in this area since the last meeting we had on this issue in August 2009, almost three years ago.

As I look at today's meeting agenda, I think this will be an important opportunity to strengthen the continued partnership we have had with the research and test reactor community in looking at the issues of license renewal. I think there will still be challenges on both sides as we work through this backlog, but it should be very interesting hearing about the progress we have made in the last two years. There has been a lot of very good work on the part of the staff to get us in a place where we have the resources necessary to faithfully process these applications to reduce this backlog. There has also been a lot of work on the part of the RTR community to improve their license renewal applications and submittals. I look forward to hearing about the progress and challenges with this renewal process today.

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