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Chairman Diaz

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the NAS Study on the Safety and Security of  
Commercial Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage Facilities  
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SUBJECT: Concerns about the delays release of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study on the safety and security of commercial spent nuclear storage facilities

ACTION: Signature of Chairman

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February 17, 2005

Dr. Nils J. Diaz, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Dr. Diaz:

I am writing to express my concern about the delayed release of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study on the safety and security of commercial spent nuclear fuel storage facilities.

I received a classified briefing on the NAS study on September 21, 2004. At that time, I was informed that NRC would be working with NAS to prepare a declassified version of the study by the end of 2004. The NRC subsequently indicated that disagreements between NRC and NAS over the content of the declassified study delayed the study's release. Most recently, I was informed that the Commission is reviewing a draft of a declassified version of the study.

I am concerned that the ongoing delay in releasing the study has encouraged a perception by some stakeholders that NRC prefers to keep the conclusions of the study out of the public domain. I would appreciate a response from you outlining the NRC's progress on approving a public version of the study and identifying a date by which you expect the study to be released.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Price", written over a horizontal line.

DAVID PRICE  
Member of Congress

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