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Dear colleagues and friends:

I wanted to provide a brief update on the activities of the National Academies spent fuel storage committee FYI:

The committee held its second meeting on March 4-6 in Chicago to obtain additional classified briefings from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on commercial spent nuclear fuel storage safety and security. The committee also toured Exelon Nuclear Corporation's Dresden and Braidwood nuclear power plants. All sessions of this meeting were closed to the public because classified/safeguards information was disclosed and discussed.

The committee will hold its third information-gathering meeting on April 15-17 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The agenda for this meeting is still under development, but the committee hopes to hold an open session (i.e., open to the public) sometime during the second day (Friday, April 16) of this meeting. I will send additional information on this session once the agenda is firmed up, likely before the end of March.

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