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SUBJECT: NAS SPENT FUEL STUDY MILESTONES

Attached is information related to the subject topic that was requested by the Chairman's office.

Attachment:
As stated

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NAS SFP Study Milestones

- July 2004 NAS classified SFP storage study milestone: The NAS provided the classified SFP storage study report to Congress (due six months from the date funding was made available). This report was authored by NAS and was not an NRC report.
- January 2005 NAS unclassified SFP storage study summary milestone: The Congressional report accompanying the NRC's FY 2004 appropriation (which required the NAS study) also indicated that NAS should provide Congress an " unclassified summary" of the classified report "as soon as practicable" after submission of the classified report. Therefore, there is no "official" Congressionally mandated due date for NAS to send the unclassified summary to Congress.
- Staff's understanding is that in discussions between the NAS committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the "understanding" that was developed was that the unclassified summary would be submitted by NAS within 6 months of the classified report. This would be about January 2005.
- January 24, 2005 Provide NAS additional information milestone: The Commission met with the NAS committee on January 24, 2005 and agreed to provide the NAS committee with additional security information. The understanding is that based upon this additional information, the NAS Committee may supplement or revise its classified report.
- February 18, 2005 The staff provided a list of potential documents to be given to the NAS committee that are responsive to the concerns they raised at the January 24, 2005 meeting and these documents were reviewed and approved for release to NAS by the EDO and Commission on February 18, 2005. Documents have been assembled/ copied and have been sent under letter dated February 18, 2004.
- Date not established Supplemental or Revised Classified NAS SFP storage study milestone: The NAS committee may supplement or revise its classified report based on the additional information. This issue would need to be part of a discussion on extension of the grant.
- March 8, 2005 NRC report to Congress on the NAS recommendations milestone: The NRC's report to Congress on the NAS recommendations was provided to the Commission for their approval on February 18, 2005. The NRC's report on the NAS recommendations is due to Congress by March 8, 2005. This is 90 days from enactment of the NRC's FY 2005 appropriation (December 8, 2004).
- Mid-March 2005 NAS grant milestone: The NAS grant expires in mid-March 2005. NAS would like to issue an SGI version of its report and Summary Public Report by the end of February 2005. However, the NAS does need to accomplish this task before the grant expires.