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Date:

4/1/05 3:37PM

Subject:

Re: Public Release of NAS Report on Spent Fuel

Thanks, Dan. Roy said at today's EDO meeting that agreement is no longer "provisional." Dennis Rathbun said he was notifying Capital Hill this afternoon. We plan to issue our press release after you notify us that NAS has released the report. We'll continue to coordinate with NAS's public affairs office.

>>> Daniel Dorman 04/01/05 12:12PM >>>

The staff have reviewed the revised NAS report on Safety and Security of Commercial Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage. The revisions incorporate the agreements we reached in our meeting Wednesday, therefore we conclude that the report no longer contains Safeguards Information and is suitable for public release.

I have notified Dr. Kevin Crowley, Director, NAS Board on Radioactive Waste Management, that the NRC has no further objections to the public release of this report as revised, including posting it on the world-wide web. He expects that it will be issued around the middle of next week.

I am continuing to work with DOC and OPA for communications on this matter. At this time, we are continuing to respond to media inquiries that "the NAS and NRC have reached provisional agreement on the public version of the report, pending management review on both sides." I have asked Dr. Crowley to inform me when his management have approved the report so that we can drop the "provisional".

CC: Bernard Stapleton; Catherine Holzle; Eliot Brenner; Farouk Eltawila; Glenn Tracy; James Luehman; Jared Heck; Lance Rakovan; Mel Gray; Michael Weber; Roy Zimmerman; Tae (TJ) Kim; Tamara Bloomer; Trip Rothschild; William Dean; William Outlaw

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