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March 31, 2011

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
Chairman, House Committee on Oversight
and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

We have been informed that, on March 30, 2011, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Jaczko responded to your request, dated March 11, 2011, that NRC provide an unredacted version of Volume III of the draft Safety Evaluation Report related to the Yucca Mountain license application. We write to inform you, however, that we four members of the Commission voted on March 24-25, 2011, to direct staff to send the enclosed letter in response to your request.

Sincerely,

Kristine L. Svinicki

George E. Apostolakis

William D. Magwood, IV

William C. Ostendorff

March 25, 2011

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
Chairman, House Committee on Oversight
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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

In response to your letter of March 11, 2011, regarding the Committee's investigation into the Yucca Mountain project, the Commission has directed me to provide the unredacted version of Volume III of the Safety Evaluation Report for the Yucca Mountain license application. Volume III in unredacted form is not publicly available at this time, and the Commission requests that the Committee hold it in confidence.

The Staff considers this document pre-decisional. None of the Commissioners have had access to it in its unredacted form. The Commission has received copies of only those portions that were released to the public as a result of a Freedom of Information Act request.

The agency continues to produce documents responding to the remaining requests in your March 11 letter, and will provide those to the Committee as you have requested.

Respectfully,

Rebecca L. Schmidt

Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Encl. As stated