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OPENING REMARKS OF NRC CHAIRMAN GREGORY B. JACZKO AT THE BRIEFING ADDRESSING THE IRRS REPORT

Good morning. The Commission meets today to discuss the recommendations and suggestions of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) mission. As a longtime supporter of the IRRS, we were pleased to have the opportunity to host the mission last October and look forward to hosting the follow-up mission and completing the IRRS process.

In response to the IRRS report, the NRC staff has developed an action plan to address the recommendations and suggestions included in the IRRS report. I want to commend the staff for their excellent work in developing this detailed plan, as well as their efforts throughout this process. This plan provides a strong foundation for our work ahead, including – as the staff notes in the action plan – the need to incorporate lessons learned from the Fukushima accident into our follow-up activities.

As the NRC and other regulators seek to learn and apply the lessons of Fukushima, I believe these peer review activities have an important role to play in facilitating the open exchange of information and experience, and ultimately in strengthening nuclear safety worldwide.

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