

January 13, 2012

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
The Honorable Brent Scowcroft
Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future
U.S. Department of Energy
c/o Mr. Timothy A. Frazier
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Co-Chairmen Hamilton and Scowcroft:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I invite you, or your designee, to meet with the Commission at a public meeting on the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on America's Nuclear Future. The Commission is interested in hearing about the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations on national policies for managing the back-end of the nuclear fuel and any potential implications for NRC regulatory programs. Enclosed is a copy of the draft meeting agenda. The NRC staff provided comments on the "Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future Draft Report to the Secretary of Energy" on October 31, 2011, and we understand the final report is expected to be issued by January 29, 2012.

The NRC Commission is available to meet on April 3 or 10, 2012, but we would be happy to look for alternate dates if either of these dates does not work for you. The meeting would be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland.

We hope you will be able to meet with us. Please contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary of the Commission, at (301) 415-1969 or Annette.Vetti-Cook@nrc.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Gregory B. Jaczko

Enclosure: [As stated](#)

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SCHEDULING NOTE

Title: **BRIEFING ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON AMERICA'S NUCLEAR FUTURE (Public)**

Purpose: To provide the Commission with a discussion of Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations on national policies for managing the back-end of the nuclear fuel and potential implications for NRC regulatory programs.

Scheduled: **April 2012 (3rd or 10th)**
9:00 am

Duration: Approx. 3 hours

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN

Participants: **Presentation**

Blue Ribbon Commission Representative **30 mins.***

BRC Designated Federal Official

Topic: Overview of Blue Ribbon Commission charter and process used to develop final recommendations:

- Technical alternatives to current fuel-cycle approaches that could influence spent fuel storage and disposal.
- Storing spent nuclear fuel and high level waste while one or more final disposal locations are established.
- Establishing one or more disposal sites for high level radioactive wastes.

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Break **5 mins.**

NRC Staff Panel **40 mins.***

Bill Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations

Michael Weber, Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal, and Compliance Programs

Martin J. Virgilio, Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs

Cathy Haney, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards 20 mins.*
Topic: Current NRC waste storage and disposal activities and implications of Blue Ribbon Commission final recommendations for ongoing and near-term programs for fuel cycle, storage, transportation and disposal regulation.

Eric Leeds, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation 10 mins.*
Topic: Implications of Blue Ribbon Commission final recommendations for ongoing and near-term nuclear reactor regulation.

Mark Satorius, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs 10 mins.*
Topic: Implications of Blue Ribbon Commission final recommendations for FSME-related activities.

Commission Q & A 50 mins.

Discussion – Wrap-up 5 mins.

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:

- The final Blue Ribbon Commission report is due to the Secretary of Energy no later than January 29, 2012.
- Information SECY paper on the status of current waste storage and disposal activities (i.e. on-going long-term research and gap analyses in the areas of extended storage/waste confidence and reprocessing) due 3/13/12.

Background material due to SECY: ten business days prior to the briefing.

Slides due to SECY: five business days prior to the briefing.

Note: The BRC charter expires on January 29, 2012, and it is not clear what role the current BRC Commissioners will play after that date.