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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 (3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>)**  
**9:00 am**

**Duration:** Approx. 3 hours

**Location:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.