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STATEMENT OF NRC CHAIRMAN NILS J. DIAZ

Over the past decade it has been my honor and privilege to serve the nation, first as a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and, for the past three years, as Chairman of this important body.

In that time, the Commission and the dedicated men and women of the NRC have been instrumental in significantly raising the level of safety and security in the industry we are charged with regulating.

Together, we have prepared the NRC for the coming submission of a significant number of requests for new nuclear power plants. We reacted swiftly after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. We have substantially improved the oversight of existing nuclear plants and all other significant aspects of ensuring safety in the civilian uses of nuclear materials. And we have broadened the level of international cooperation on nuclear issues. It is a record of protecting the American people of which we can all be proud.

It is with deep appreciation for the work of the talented individuals of the NRC that I announce that I am not seeking a third term on the Commission. I plan to return to Florida after my second term expires on June 30, and enjoy time with my family.

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