

**PREPARED STATEMENT  
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SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT**

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Thank you, Chairman Alexander, Ranking Member Feinstein, and members of the Subcommittee, for the opportunity to appear before you. The Commission's Chairman, Stephen Burns, in his statement on behalf of the Commission, has provided a description of the agency's budget request, as well as key agency accomplishments and challenges in carrying out the NRC's important mission of protecting public health and safety and promoting the common defense and security of our Nation.

I look forward to your questions on these topics. Thank you.