

WM2009 Conference Panel Report

Panel Session 1 - Plenary

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The Plenary Session aims to give a broad perspective of current key issues. The Panelists were:

- Gregory B Jaczko, Commissioner USNRC
- Ines R Triay, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, USDOE, Environmental Management
- Bill Gallo, President AREVA Federal Services LLC

Gregory Jaczko opened the session with a description of his personal and NRC thinking on key issues moving forward. In particular he covered the area of waste disposal and the role of local communities in permitting new sites. He emphasised the role of risk both real and perceived and the need for local communities to be engaged and be accepting for any new site to be permitted.

Ines Triay outlined some of the ongoing achievements in DOE EM including fuel cycle back end but was also able to outline the Departments emerging approach to the additional \$6Billion funding from the Economic Stimulus Package. She advised that the Department would be bringing forward detailed plans shortly with the funding allocation and details of how value would be measured.

Bill Gallo covered a wide range of decommissioning and waste management issues included new developments and fuel recycle options. It was important to bring together the best of international achievements to ensure that programs could be delivered in an effective way. Fuel recycle was a well proven technology and he was sure it would have a role to play in future fuel back end strategies.