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### — INSIDE HIGHLIGHTS —

**Efforts to commercially blend radioactive waste to facilitate disposal should be delayed for years, NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko said last week, recommending in a written vote on the issue that blended waste should be addressed as part of the NRC's revision of the 10 CFR Part 61 waste classification system rather than as an independent rulemaking . . . . . 2**

**An internal allegation review board has been formed at the NRC to examine claims by Texas activist groups that Texas state regulators engaged in "illegal and improper actions" when issuing WCS a license to dispose of low-level radioactive waste. . . . . 3**

**Existing research to support an Environmental Impact Statement on storing spent nuclear fuel for up to 500 years—an idea the five members of the NRC unanimously support exploring—is thin, but joint research efforts funded by industry and the federal government are underway. . . . . 4**

**The Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future continued its information-gathering efforts last week with a series of subcommittee meetings that tackled two of the biggest technical questions the panel is facing: is reprocessing a viable strategy for the U.S. and how can the long-term performance of a waste repository be demonstrated? . . . . 5**

**Construction on the new mixed low-level waste disposal cell at the Nevada Test Site is well underway, and has the potential to be completed before the current MLLW disposal cell closes in December, Tim Murphy, with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, told RW Monitor last week . . . . . 7**

**A federal tax lien of more than \$947,000 against IMPACT Services has been lifted. . . . . 7**

**The majority of Category 1 and 2 source material licensees are still not using the National Source Tracking System correctly, resulting in incorrect data and an undue administrative burden on the NRC, a new IG report concludes. . . . 7**

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