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## **NRC COMMISSIONER JACZKO TAKES OATH OF OFFICE; COMMISSIONER LYONS SWEARING-IN SET FOR NEXT WEEK**

Gregory B. Jaczko was sworn in as a commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission today by Chairman Nils J. Diaz in a ceremony at the NRC. Peter B. Lyons is expected to be sworn in next Tuesday at the agency.

The additions bring the NRC to its full complement of five commissioners for the first time since March 2003. The other members of the Commission are Edward McGaffigan Jr., and Jeffrey S. Merrifield.

Because both commissioners were appointed by the President during a congressional recess, their terms will expire at the end of the Senate's next session in late 2006.

Before joining the NRC, Jaczko served four years first as science policy advisor and then as appropriations director to Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev. He has also been an adjunct professor teaching a science policy course at Georgetown University.

Jaczko's professional career has been devoted to science and its use and impact in the public policy arena. He worked as a congressional science fellow in the office of Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and later advised members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on nuclear policy and other scientific issues.

Jaczko, a native of New York, earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and a doctorate in particle physics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Lyons brings to the NRC eight years of experience as science advisor to Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. From 1997 to 2002, he focused on military and civilian uses of nuclear technologies, national science policy and nuclear non-proliferation. More recently, he was involved with issues on national and international nuclear policy, energy research and development, and hydrogen technology.

From 1969 to 1996, Lyons worked in progressively more responsible positions at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. During that time he served as director for industrial partnerships, deputy associate director for energy and environment, and deputy associate director-defense research and applications. While at Los Alamos, he spent over a decade supporting nuclear test diagnostics.

Lyons has published well over 100 technical papers, holds three patents related to fiber optics and plasma diagnostics, and served as chairman of the NATO Nuclear Effects Task Group for five years.

A native of Nevada, Lyons received his doctorate in nuclear astrophysics from the California Institute of Technology in 1969 and earned a bachelor's degree in physics/math from the University of Arizona in 1964.

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