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## STATEMENT OF NRC CHAIRMAN DALE E. KLEIN ON THE CONFIRMATION OF KRISTINE SVINICKI AS AN NRC COMMISSIONER

"I am looking forward to the arrival of a fourth commissioner, Kristine Svinicki, who was confirmed to a term on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by the Senate early today. Her background as a nuclear engineer and a policy-maker at senior levels in our government will be a substantial benefit to the Commission.

"I also want to commend members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for their diligence in assisting the NRC by moving this nomination to the full Senate. Having a fourth Commissioner on board will enable the NRC to better accomplish its mandate of protecting people and the environment."

"I am grateful for the confidence the President and the Senate have shown in me. While I will miss the Senate and my 'Senate family,' I am looking forward to the challenges I will face at the NRC, which has important issues before it in the coming years," Ms. Svinicki said.

Once sworn in, her term will run through June 30, 2012.

Ms. Svinicki has a distinguished career as a nuclear engineer and in the policy arena, working since 2005 as a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee for the Committee's former Chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., and its current ranking Republican, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. As a professional staff member of the Committee, she worked on defense science and technology programs, and atomic energy defense activities of the Energy Department, including nuclear weapons and environmental management programs with a collective budget of \$25 billion. She came to Capitol Hill in 1997, serving until 2004 as a senior policy advisor to Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. In that capacity she was involved in the development of legislation and legislative strategies on energy, environmental and technology issues in the areas of telecommunications, energy research and development and nuclear waste management.

Prior to joining the senator's staff, Ms. Svinicki was a nuclear engineer in the Energy Department's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. Her Energy Department career began in 1990 and also included nuclear engineering positions in the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and the Idaho Operations Office. Before that she was an energy engineer for the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

Ms. Svinicki earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Michigan in 1988. She is a member of the American Nuclear Society and served two terms on the ANS Special Committee on Nuclear non-Proliferation. She has served as a member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Task Force on Global Nuclear Materials Management, and as an Expert Advisory Panel Member to the NRC on assessing the future of regulatory research needs. She was selected as a Stennis Congressional Fellow of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress (2003-2004).

She is a resident of Falls Church, Va.

(Editors Note: the timing of Ms. Svinicki's swearing-in has not been set.)

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