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NRC Chairman Wright Sworn in for Third Term



David A. Wright, nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, was ceremonially sworn in today as the NRC Chairman by Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) for a third term on the Commission. Wright first joined the Commission in 2018 and served a second term that ended on June 30, 2025.

“It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and I am grateful for the trust placed in me to continue leading this exceptional agency.” Wright said. “I also look forward to continuing to work together with my fellow Commissioners as we advance, enable, and deploy nuclear technologies for the future.”

Before joining the Commission, Wright served as Owner/President of Wright Directions, LLC, a strategic energy and water consulting and communications business. He also served as a member and Chairman of the South Carolina Public Service Commission and was elected and served as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Additionally, he has served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, a council member, and as mayor of Irmo, S.C.

A colon cancer survivor, Wright is an advocate for cancer awareness and education. He received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Clemson University.

The NRC is comprised of five Commissioners, one of whom is designated by the President as Chairman. The Commission was established to be a collegial body that formulates policies, develops regulations, issues orders to licensees, and adjudicates legal matters. The Commissioners serve five-year terms, with one term expiring every year on June 30. No more than three Commissioners may be of the same political party.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The global gold standard for nuclear regulation, the NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.