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Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.



The Honorable Edward McGaffigan, Jr., has been a Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission since August 28, 1996. His first term expired on June 30, 2000. He was renominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate in May 2000, and is currently serving his second term, which expires on June 30, 2005.

Prior to his appointment to the Commission, from February 1983 to August 1996, he served as a legislative assistant, then legislative director, and finally senior policy advisor to Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM). Mr. McGaffigan supported the Senator's work on defense policy, technology policy, personnel and acquisition reform, and nonproliferation and export control policy.

Mr. McGaffigan was a member of the Foreign Service from May 1976 to February 1983. During the period 1981 to 1983 he served as a senior policy analyst and then assistant director in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where he oversaw international scientific cooperation, and export control matters. During much of this time, he held a dual appointment on the staff of the National Security Council.

Previously, Mr. McGaffigan carried out various assignments within the State Department dealing with U.S.-Soviet relations and politico-military issues. He was stationed as a science attache in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow from July 1978 to April 1980, where he reported on Soviet energy and atomic energy developments and managed bilateral science cooperation in those and other areas. He was at the time proficient in Russian.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. McGaffigan worked on evaluating Japanese science and technology at the RAND Corporation in 1974, and on strategic arms control issues at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1975.

Mr. McGaffigan grew up in Boston, where he became valedictorian of his graduating class at Boston Latin School. In 1970 he received his bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) in physics from Harvard. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa his junior year. He holds master's degrees in physics from California Institute of Technology (1974) and in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government (1976). He won a Harvard National Scholarship, a Sheldon Travelling Fellowship, a National Science Foundation Fellowship, a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship, a Millikan Fellowship, and a Harvard National Graduate Fellowship during his academic career.

Mr. McGaffigan resides in Arlington, VA with his two children.

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