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CHAIRMAN DALE KLEIN



Dr. Dale Klein became Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in July 2006, after his nomination by President George W. Bush and Senate confirmation. His term as a Commissioner expires in June 2011.

As Chairman, Dr. Klein is the principal executive officer of and the official spokesman for the NRC. He is responsible for conducting the administrative, organizational, long-range planning, budgetary, and certain personnel functions of the agency. The Chairman has ultimate authority for all NRC functions pertaining to an emergency involving an NRC licensee.

Before his appointment, Dr. Klein was the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs. In this position, he served as the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology for all policy and planning matters related to nuclear weapons, and nuclear, chemical and biological defense.

Previously, Dr. Klein served as the Vice-Chancellor for Special Engineering Programs at the University of Texas System and as a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering (Nuclear Program) at the University of Texas at Austin. At the university, Dr. Klein was Director of the Nuclear Engineering Teaching Laboratory; Deputy Director of the Center for Energy Studies; and Associate Dean for Research and Administration in the College of Engineering.

His honors and awards include: Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Nuclear Society; the Joe J. King Professional Engineering Achievement Award; Engineer of the Year for the State of Texas; the University of Missouri Faculty-Alumni Award; and the University of Missouri Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering.

A native of Missouri, Dr. Klein holds a bachelor's and master's degree in mechanical engineering and a doctorate in nuclear engineering, all from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has published more than 100 technical papers and reports, and co-edited one book.

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