



CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM TO: Commissioner Annie Caputo  
Commissioner Bradley R. Crowell  
Commissioner Matthew J. Marzano

FROM:

David A. Wright

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SUBJECT:

Delegation of Authorities

I delegate the authorities set forth in Attachment 1 to the Commissioner with the longest service on the Commission, Attachment 2 to the Executive Director for Operations, Attachment 3 to the Chief Financial Officer, and Attachment 4 to the Director of the Office of Public Affairs. These delegations are effective in the event that my term as Commissioner expires but the President has not yet designated a Chairman. These delegations shall remain in effect only until the President has designated a Chairman.

If the delegation of any of the authorities listed in Attachment 1, 2 or 3, or the application of any delegation to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the delegation of the remaining authorities and the application of those delegations to any other person or circumstance shall remain valid and not be affected.

cc with attachment: OGC  
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## **Attachment 1, Delegated Functions to Longest Serving Commissioner**

The authorities delegated are limited to those listed herein and do not replace or supersede any authority or function that is already delegated to another NRC official under a preexisting delegation of authority.

1. Emergency functions under Reorganization Plan § 3, including functions "pertaining to an emergency concerning a particular facility or materials licensed or regulated by the Commission, including the functions of declaring, responding, issuing orders, determining specific policies, advising the civil authorities, and the public, directing, and coordinating actions relative to such emergency incident" (Reorganization Plan § 3(b)).
2. General supervision of the Inspector General (IG).
  - a. Includes responsibilities such as providing the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) access to NRC documents, information, and requested assistance; ensuring employee cooperation with OIG; receiving reports; and responding to management referrals received from OIG.
  - b. General supervision of the IG can be re-delegated to another Commissioner, but not to any other officer or employee of the NRC, per the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. § 410(a)).
3. Submission of the NRC's budget proposal to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress.
  - a. Budget-related submissions to Congress currently assigned to the Chairman (MD 4.8) include: agency baseline budget, monthly funds status report, and any reallocation of funds memorandum, including agency reprogramming requests.
  - b. The Chairman also transmits the Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act (GAO-IG Act) Report to Congress, which reports GAO and OIG recommendations that are more than 1 year old, as part of the Congressional Budget Justification (MD 6.1).
4. Presiding over Commission meetings.
5. Initiating the appointment of the Executive Director for Operations (EDO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Deputy CFO, the General Counsel, the Secretary of the Commission, the Director of the Office of International Programs, the Director of the Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication, the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, the Director of Nuclear Regulatory Research, and the Director of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (Reorganization Plan § 1(b)(1) and (b)(2)).
6. Supervising the EDO and the CFO (MDs 9.17 and 9.20).
7. Developing performance appraisals and ratings for Commission-appointed officials.
8. Resolving differences between OIG and the Commission offices, EDO staff offices, and the CFO regarding recommendations contained in OIG audit reports, except to the extent that Commission policy, rulemaking, or adjudicatory functions are involved (in which case, the issues are referred to the Commission for resolution) (MD 6.1).

9. Annually submitting legislatively mandated reports and plans, along with other responsibilities related to the agency's civil rights program (MD 10.161).
10. Contingency planning for lapsed appropriations (MD 4.5)
11. Signing and transmitting to Congress the NRC's annual report on whether the NRC's financial management systems comply with principles, standards, and related requirements prescribed by the Comptroller General under section 4 of the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1982. (MD 4.3).
12. Signing the NRC's annual Integrity Act Statement, which is sent to OMB and Congress (MDs 2.8 and 4.4).
13. As NRC's official spokesperson, signing outgoing correspondence to State, Tribal, and Federal officials that involves major new policy questions and all correspondence to the President and Chairpersons of the NRC's Congressional Oversight Committees (MD 5.1).
14. Transmitting OIG semiannual reports, along with any agency comments, to congressional committees within 30 days of receipt from OIG (MD 6.1).
15. Ensuring the agency has implemented a communications security program that aligns with Committee on National Security Systems Policy No. 1 (MD 12.4).
16. Transmitting responses to congressional committees regarding recommendations in Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports (MD 6.1).
17. Representing the NRC at high-level international conferences and meetings, including the International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference each fall and as the NRC and U.S. representative at the semiannual meeting of the International Nuclear Regulators Association (Reorganization Plan § 2(a)); (MD 5.13).
18. Responding to OIG, where appropriate, and GAO regarding audit reports that they have issued to the NRC (MD 6.1).
19. Appointing the Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) (5 C.F.R. § 2638.104(a)); (MDs 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, and 7.10).
20. Reviewing or delegating review of an OGE 278e filed by the DAEO (5 C.F.R. § 2634.602(c)(2)); (MD 7.6).
21. Submitting annual NUREG-0090, "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences," to Congress (MD 8.1).
22. Issuing waivers from the NRC's prohibited securities rule and granting extensions of the period of time to divest prohibited securities (MD 7.9).
23. Certifying in writing in the *Federal Register* that the national interest requires a Special Government Employee to act as agent or attorney for another person in the performance of work under an NRC grant or contract (MD 7.9).

24. Approving extensions of transfers to international organizations beyond 5 years (MD 10.2)
25. Ensuring compliance with the policies and provisions of OMB Circulars regarding position management (MD 10.38).
26. Providing personal leadership to the agency's work schedule and premium pay programs (MD 10.42).
27. Approving waivers of repayment of advances in pay for immediate staff of the Chairman or Commissioners, Commission-level offices, and immediate staff reporting to the EDO (MD 10.45).
28. Approving repayment recommendations, subject to availability of funding, and waivers of repayment for immediate staff of the Chairman or Commission (not Schedule C-equivalents), Commission-level offices, and immediate staff reporting to the EDO (MD 10.49).
29. Approving the waiver of a pension offset for all prospective appointees to offices reporting to the Commission or to the Chairman (MD 10.50).
30. Approving recruitment, relocation, and retention incentive recommendations; waivers of repayment; and management-initiated terminations of service obligations for Commission staff members, any other individual reporting directly to the Chairman, and employees of offices reporting to the Chairman or Commission (MD 10.51).
31. Providing overall leadership to the agency's GG Performance Management System (MD 10.67).
32. Performing duties related to awards and recognition (MD 10.72):
  - a. Providing personal leadership to the Awards and Recognition Program;
  - b. Approving awards for employees on Chairman's immediate staff;
  - c. Approving exceptions to award scales for employees under the jurisdiction of the Chairman, the Commissioners, and Commission staff offices;
  - d. Submitting award recommendations that are in excess of \$10,000 up to \$25,000 for employees individually, or individuals as part of a group, to OPM for approval, and in excess of \$25,000 for individuals, or individuals as part of a group, to OPM for Presidential approval; and
  - e. Appointing the Senior Performance Officials.
33. Issuing or designating officials to issue disciplinary and/or adverse action to an employee, when it is necessary and appropriate for the Chairman to do so (MD 10.99).
34. Providing general oversight and direction to the EDO on the administrative grievance procedure (MD 10.101).
35. Senior Executive Service (SES) Employment and Staffing (MD 10.135):

- a. Approving pay for executives who report directly to, or serve in offices that report to, the Chairman or the Commission (MD 10.135);
- b. Approving limited exceptions to the rule that an executive's rate of basic pay may not be adjusted more than once during any 12-month period.

36. SES Performance Management (MD 10.137):

- a. Approving pay adjustments for executives who report directly to or serve in offices that report directly to the Chairman or Commission;
- b. Serving as awarding authority for executives who report directly to or serve in offices that report directly to the Chairman or Commission, except for those executives for whom the Commission serves as appointing authority; and
- c. Designating the Chair of the Executive Resources Board.

37. Senior Level System (SLS) (MD 10.145)

- a. Serving as deciding official for actions involving appointments, position changes, the establishment of positions, performance appraisals, awards, pay, and other actions for SLS employees in OPA and OCA; and
- b. Serving as deciding official for awards, performance-based pay adjustments, position changes, and the establishment of positions for SLS employees in Commission-level offices.

38. SLS Performance Appraisal (MD 10.148)

- a. Approving exceptions to performance award scales; and
- b. Submitting award recommendations in excess of \$10,000 up to \$25,000 for SLS employees to OPM for review and approval.

39. Providing personal leadership and commitment to ensure that the NRC provides equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in all aspects of its programs and activities (MD 10.162).

40. Designating NRC's Chief Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer (MD 3.1)

41. Designating the Senior Agency Official for Privacy (SAOP) (MD 3.2)

42. Approving a \$500,000+ conference (MD 3.11)

43. Designating the head of an office reporting directly to the Chairman to serve as an authorized NRC representative to a professional organization (MD 7.3).

44. After consultation with OGC and the Director of the Office of Government Ethics, certifying that the applicable criteria are met to waive post-employment restrictions (MD 7.9).

45. Official Temporary Duty Travel (MD 14.1):

- a. Approving premium-class common carrier transportation for immediate staff, the EDO, the CFO, and Commission-level directors and their respective staff;

- b. Approving requests for official temporary duty travel for himself and immediate staff, the EDO, the CFO, and Commission-level office directors;
- c. Approving requests for official foreign travel for himself and immediate staff, the EDO, the CFO, and Commission-level office directors; and
- d. Approving travel vouchers for himself and immediate staff.

**Attachment 2, Delegated Functions to Executive Director for Operations**

The authorities delegated are limited to those listed herein and do not replace or supersede any authority or function that is already delegated to another NRC official under a preexisting delegation of authority.

1. Presentation to the Commission of proposals for reorganization of major offices within the Commission.

**Attachment 3, Delegated Functions to Chief Financial Officer**

The authorities delegated are limited to those listed herein and do not replace or supersede any authority or function that is already delegated to another NRC official under a preexisting delegation of authority.

1. Presentation to the Commission of the budget estimate for the Commission.
2. Presentation to the Commission of the proposed distribution of appropriated funds.



**Attachment 4, Delegated Functions to the Director of the Office of Public Affairs**

The authorities delegated are limited to those listed herein and do not replace or supersede any authority or function that is already delegated to another NRC official under a preexisting delegation of authority.

1. Making the final decision on news releases in any form, when necessary, consistent with Commission director policy (MD 5.5).