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## Doug Weaver Sworn in as NRC Commissioner



Doug Weaver, nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, was sworn in today as an NRC Commissioner for a term ending June 30, 2026, bringing the Commission to its full five members. He is one of only a handful of former NRC staff members to serve on the Commission.

“It is an honor to have been nominated by President Trump to serve on the Commission at this pivotal moment and I am grateful for this opportunity,” Weaver said. “I look forward to working with Chairman Wright and the other Commissioners to help NRC achieve its mission in service to our nation.”

"I welcome Doug Weaver to the Commission, bringing us to a full complement of five Commissioners, as we continue our important safety mission," NRC Chairman David Wright said. "Commissioner Weaver has an extensive nuclear background from his experience in industry, at the NRC and in the nuclear Navy. The Commission and the agency will benefit from his knowledge during this exciting time in our country's history, and I look forward to working with him."

Weaver worked at the NRC for nearly 20 years, beginning as a Reactor Engineer in Region I where he qualified as a resident inspector. Next, he served as a Headquarters Operations Officer and later a Senior Emergency Response Coordinator in the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. He also laid the foundation for Combined License and Design Certification reviews for new reactors as leader of the planning and scheduling branch in the former Office of New Reactors, and later served as Deputy Chief of Staff for then-Chairman Dale Klein, ending his NRC career in 2012 as Deputy Director in the Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Division, a Senior Executive Service position.

Most recently, Weaver led his own consulting company, Atomic Safety, providing regulatory and licensing support to the nuclear industry. Previously, he was Vice President, Global Nuclear Regulatory Affairs, for Westinghouse Electric. While there, he created the company's Nuclear Safety Review Board, supported the pursuit of a 40-year license renewal at the Columbia Fuel plant, and supported numerous license amendments for AP1000.

Weaver earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University and began his career as a U.S. Navy officer in 1985, completing a year in post-graduate Naval training studying nuclear engineering and nuclear power plant theory. He then served in operational units at sea, where he qualified as chief engineer, ultimately completing his uniformed service in the Naval Reserve in 2005. He supported the Chief of Naval Operations during the U.S. response to 9/11, helping rebuild the Navy Command Center in the Pentagon and earning the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his service during this period.

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.*