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Douglas W. Weaver Sworn in as NRC Commissioner



Douglas W. Weaver, nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, was sworn in today as an NRC Commissioner for a five-year term ending June 30, 2031. Weaver was first sworn in as Commissioner on December 22, 2025.

"Continuing to serve on the Commission is a great honor and I appreciate the trust President Trump has placed in me," Weaver said. "I look forward to working with Chairman Nieh and the other Commissioners as the NRC carries out its safety mission."

"I'm excited about Doug Weaver's reconfirmation to the Commission, as we continue to work on enabling the safe uses of nuclear technology," said NRC Chairman Ho Nieh. "I'm proud of the progress our agency is making for America and look forward to working with him in support of our nation's future."

Weaver worked at the NRC for nearly 20 years, starting as a Reactor Engineer in Region I where he qualified as a resident inspector. He also helped lay the foundation for combined license and design certification reviews for new reactors. More recently, Weaver led his own consulting company, providing regulatory and licensing support to the nuclear industry, and previously, he was Vice President, Global Nuclear Regulatory Affairs, for Westinghouse Electric.

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. He served in operational units at sea and as a chief engineer, ultimately completing his uniformed service in the Naval Reserve in 2005.

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 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.