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NRC COMMISSIONER LYONS TAKES OATH OF OFFICE JANUARY 25

Peter B. Lyons was sworn in as a commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission yesterday at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Nils J. Diaz in a brief ceremony at the NRC in Rockville, Md.

The addition brings the NRC to its full complement of five commissioners for the first time since March 2003. The other members of the Commission are Edward McGaffigan Jr., Jeffrey S. Merrifield, and Gregory B. Jaczko who was sworn in last Friday (see Jan. 21 press release, No. 05-0013).

Because Lyons was appointed by the President during a congressional recess, his term will expire at the end of the Senate's next session in late 2006.

Lyons, 61, served eight years as science advisor to Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. During that time, he focused on issues of nuclear technologies, national science policy, national and international nuclear policy, non-proliferation, energy research and development, and hydrogen technology.

Prior to assignment in Washington, Lyons worked as a management official at the Los Alamos National Laboratory for over 25 years supporting energy and environmental programs, industrial interactions, nuclear test diagnostics, and strategic defense initiative programs.

Biographies of Commissioners Lyons and Jaczko will be available soon on NRC's web site at http://www.nrc.gov/who-we-are/organization/commfuncdesc.html .

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