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NRC ANNOUNCES REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR

Edward McGaffigan, Jr., was sworn in for an unprecedented third term as a commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission yesterday by Chairman Nils. J. Diaz. His reappointment by President Bush and confirmation by the Senate brings the NRC to its full complement of five commissioners.

McGaffigan's first term began Aug. 28, 1996. He was renominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate in May 2000, and served an additional five years. His current term will expire in June 2010.

Prior to his appointment to the Commission, from February 1983 to August 1996, he served as a legislative assistant, then legislative director, and finally senior policy advisor to Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM). McGaffigan supported the Senator's work on defense policy, technology policy, personnel and acquisition reform, and nonproliferation and export control policy.

McGaffigan was a member of the Foreign Service from May 1976 to February 1983. From 1981 to 1983 he served as a senior policy analyst and then assistant director in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where he oversaw international scientific cooperation and export control matters. During much of this time, he held a dual appointment on the staff of the National Security Council.

Previously, Mr. McGaffigan carried out various assignments within the State Department dealing with U.S.-Soviet relations and politico-military issues. He was stationed as a science attache in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow from July 1978 to April 1980, where he reported on Soviet energy and atomic energy developments and managed bilateral science cooperation in those and other areas.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, McGaffigan worked on evaluating Japanese science and technology at the RAND Corporation in 1974, and on strategic arms control issues at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in 1975.

McGaffigan holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Harvard University. He also holds master's degrees in physics from California Institute of Technology and public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

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