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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION HONORS EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN FOR LEADERSHIP AND LONGEST TENURE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission honored Commissioner Edward McGaffigan today at its Rockville, Md., headquarters in a ceremony recognizing his exemplary public service, leadership and tenure as the longest serving Commissioner in the agency's history. McGaffigan was first appointed to his position on August 28, 1996, and has been reappointed for an unprecedented two additional five-year terms.

Chairman Dale Klein presented the Distinguished Service Award before a crowd of NRC colleagues, staff and invited guests. Commissioners Merrifield, Lyons and Jaczko also made presentations, and several Congressional leaders sent their congratulations.

Among other accolades, Klein cited McGaffigan for working "tirelessly" to protect the independence of the NRC, help establish an effective license renewal process, inaugurate the improved Reactor Oversight Process and increase security at nuclear facilities.

Prior to his first appointment to the agency, McGaffigan served as a legislative assistant, then legislative director, and finally senior policy advisor to Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM). He had previously served as a member of the Foreign Service and as a senior policy analyst and then assistant director in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Earlier in his career, McGaffigan worked on Japanese science and technology at the RAND Corporation, and on strategic arms control issues at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. His complete biography is found at: <http://www.nrc.gov/who-we-are/organization/commission/mcgaffigan.html>.

"Commissioner McGaffigan's leadership and contributions to protecting public health, safety and the environment are recognized throughout government," Klein said. "His contributions to the mission of the NRC reflects the highest ideals of public service."

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