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## **DR. GEORGE APOSTOLAKIS SWORN IN AS NEWEST NRC COMMISSIONER**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko today administered the oath of office to the newest Commissioner, Dr. George Apostolakis, in a ceremony at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md.

The addition of Apostolakis, a professor of nuclear science, brings the agency to its full complement of five commissioners for the first time since 2007. He joins the other Commissioners Kristine L. Svinicki, William D. Magwood and William C. Ostendorff. Both Magwood and Ostendorff were sworn in April 1.

“I’m looking forward to the Commissioner joining our discussions about important policy issues facing the agency and the nation,” said Jaczko. “He brings an exceptional background and talent to the NRC. His insights and experience will strengthen our decision-making and help us to continue to meet our critical mission to protect public health, safety and the environment.”

“Nuclear safety has been at the center of my career and I look forward to working with my fellow commissioners to shape policy on the important regulatory issues facing the agency,” said Apostolakis, who is a former member and chairman of the statutory Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards at the NRC.

Before joining the NRC, Apostolakis was the Korea Electric Power Corporation professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering and a professor of Engineering Systems at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the founder of the International Conferences on Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management and received the Tommy Thompson Award for his contributions to improvement of reactor safety in 1999 and the Arthur Holly Compton Award in Education in 2005 from the American Nuclear Society. He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2007.

The NRC commissioners have five-year terms, each staggered one year apart. Apostolakis was confirmed to a term that ends June 30, 2014.

Note: Apostolakis biography is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/organization/commission/apostolakis.html>.

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