

**Statement by the  
U.S. Nuclear Industry Council**

*Regarding the swearing-in this week of new U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Commissioners Annie Caputo and David Wright and the confirmation by the U.S. Senate of Commissioner Jeff Baran for a new five-year term*

Given the importance of the NRC’s mission – and critical pending issues such as licensing modernization and reform, an in-progress small modular reactor design certification and ongoing new plant construction at Vogtle, among others – we wholeheartedly applaud the NRC’s return to a full complement of five Commissioners after an unprecedented three and a half-year hiatus.

We congratulate the commissioners on their long-overdue and long-awaited Senate confirmations.

Working under the able leadership of Chairman Svinicki and with two experienced incumbents, we are optimistic that the addition of these two new highly-credentialed and exceptionally well-qualified commissioners with distinguished public service accomplishments will accelerate the transformation of the NRC while reinforcing its mission and its readiness for the next generation of nuclear energy in the United States.

As an advanced nuclear energy NRC stakeholder, we look forward to continuing to work with the Commission and its staff on common ground issues and toward mutual objectives consistent with the NRC’s mandate for public health and safety.

The Senate Leadership and Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works Chairman John Barrasso and Ranking Member Tom Carper are to be commended for their patience and tenacity in moving the President’s NRC nominees through the confirmation labyrinth and hurdling parliamentary challenges with a successful bipartisan end result.

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