

## ***Commissioner Peter B. Lyons is Selected as the Sixth Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Speaker***

Commissioner Peter B. Lyons has been selected to give the sixth Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Address at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The Address, entitled *The Role of a Strong Regulator in Safe and Secure Nuclear Energy*, will be a featured presentation at the 45th Annual Meeting of NCRP to be held March 2 and 3, 2009. The Address will be given in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland at 8:30 a.m. on March 2, 2009. The keynote speaker series honors Dr. Warren K. Sinclair; NCRP's second President (1977 to 1991) and President Emeritus (1991 to present).

The Honorable Peter B. Lyons was sworn in as a Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on January 25, 2005. As a Commissioner, Dr. Lyons has focused on the safety of operating reactors and on the importance of learning from operating experience, even as new reactor licensing and possible construction emerges. He has emphasized that NRC and its licensees must remain strong and vigilant components of our Nation's integrated defenses against terrorism, and he has been a consistent voice for improving NRC partnerships with the States.

From 1969 to 1996, Commissioner Lyons worked in progressively more responsible positions at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. During that time he served as Director for Industrial Partnerships, Deputy Associate Director for Energy and Environment, and Deputy Associate Director-Defense Research and Applications. Before becoming a Commissioner, Dr. Lyons served as Science Advisor on the staff of U.S. Senator Pete Domenici and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources where he focused on military and civilian uses of nuclear technology, national science policy, and nuclear non-proliferation. Dr. Lyons has published more than 100 technical papers, holds three patents related to fiber optics and plasma diagnostics, and served as chairman of the NATO Nuclear Effects Task Group for five years.

A native of Nevada, Commissioner Lyons received his doctorate in nuclear astrophysics from the California Institute of Technology in 1969 and earned his undergraduate degree in physics and mathematics from the University of Arizona in 1964.

The 2009 Annual Meeting of NCRP has as its theme, *Future of Nuclear Power Worldwide: Safety, Health and Environment*. The W.K. Sinclair Address and the other sessions of the 2009 Annual Meeting are open with no registration fee to all individuals with an interest in radiation protection and measurements.

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