

**Statement by the
U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council
Regarding the US Senate's confirmation of
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chairman Kristine Svinicki
For a new term on the Commission by a vote of 88-9**

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We salute the Senate for moving forward with dispatch to ensure leadership, continuity and a quorum at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), a key government safety oversight organization.

Chairman Svinicki is highly credentialed and exceptionally qualified with tested experience and readiness to lead the agency toward overdue licensing reform and modernization as well as standing responsibilities for public health and safety in the nuclear energy arena.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso and Ranking Member Tom Carper, in particular, deserve much credit for their championship of this nomination and efficient stewardship of the confirmation process with the clock ticking.

Notwithstanding the Chairman's confirmation, the Commission is now only at 60 percent capacity with two vacancies and two outstanding candidates nominated by President Trump still in the queue for confirmation. In light of the importance of the NRC's mission - and critical pending issues including an in-progress Small Modular Reactor license application, a host of Advanced Reactor licensing issues and the demands of the current fleet, among others - it continues to be our hope the Senate will act with equal speed to ensure these two exemplary NRC nominees are confirmed in the very near future.

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