

Bio

The Honorable Stephen G. Burns was sworn in as a Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission November 5, 2014, to a term ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Burns served as the 16th Chairman of the NRC from January 1, 2015 through January 23 2017. As a Commissioner, he continues to be engaged in the work of the agency and its safety and security mission.

Commissioner Burns has had a distinguished career within the NRC and internationally. Immediately prior to rejoining the NRC, Commissioner Burns was the Head of Legal Affairs of the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris from 2012 to 2014.

Prior to assuming his post at the NEA, Commissioner Burns was a career employee at the NRC from 1978 to 2012. Commissioner Burns served in a variety of roles during his career, including being appointed as the NRC's General Counsel from May 2009 until April 2012. Also of note, Commissioner Burns was the Executive Assistant to former NRC Chairman Kenneth M. Carr, and the Director of the Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication.

Commissioner Burns received his J.D. degree in 1978 from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and his B.A. degree in 1975 from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.