

Terry Reacts to Resignation of NRC Chairman Jaczko

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) released the following statement in response to the announcement made today that Nuclear Regulatory Chairman Gregory Jaczko will resign as soon as a successor is confirmed:

"This is welcome news. During his tenure, Chairman Jaczko has time and again abused his power through intimidation and by hiding information from other commissioners," said Terry. "As I stated before, I have full faith in the NRC and its mission, though I have been disappointed with its chair. Now the commission will have the chance to move forward without the distractions caused by Chairman Jaczko."

Congressman Terry had originally called for NRC Chairman Jaczko's resignation in June 2011 and introduced The Nuclear Emergency Reestablishment Of Obligations Act (NERO Act) in response to how Chairman Jaczko responded to the Fukushima disaster last year. NERO would set up guidelines for emergency situations so all commissioners can work together and not at cross-purposes. NERO ensures that the commission staff works for the entire commission, not just the chair.