

**Virginia Section of
the North American Young Generation in Nuclear
Guest Lecture**

Dr. Nils Diaz

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Tuesday October 8th, 2002 - Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, Glen Allen, VA

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Nuclear Industry Issues: A Commissioners Perspective

You are cordially invited to join the members of the Virginia section of the [North American Young Generation in Nuclear \(NA-YGN\)](#), on October 8th 2002 at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center for dinner and to hear Dr. Nils Diaz, a Commissioner with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

As a member of the Commission, Dr. Diaz participates in the exercise and direction of the Commission's licensing and regulatory functions. His duties include policy formulation and rulemaking, as well as issuing regulations, related orders, and guidance for protection of the public health and safety, the common defense and security, and the environment.

Commissioner Diaz' specific responsibilities include licensing the construction and operation of nuclear plants and nuclear facilities, such as nuclear fuel cycle facilities and test and research reactors, and renewal of operating licenses for these facilities, as well as oversight of their decommissioning. Commissioner Diaz is also responsible for licensing and issuing regulations for the possession and use of source, special and by-product nuclear materials, and is charged with special licensing responsibility for the construction, operation, and closure of the geologic repository for high-level radioactive wastes. During his tenure, Commissioner Diaz has been a strong advocate for streamlining the nuclear regulatory framework with a strong focus on safety.