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NRC Names Directors for New Reactors, National Materials Offices

Luis Reyes, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Executive Director for Operations, has announced the appointments of four program office directors as part of the agency's reorganization.

Bill Borchardt will become Director of the Office of New Reactors (NRO) when that office is officially established in January. The Commission recently approved creation of NRO to prepare for an expected series of applications for new power reactor licenses. Borchardt is currently Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

Jim Dyer, currently Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), will remain in that post as the revamped office focuses on the effective regulation and safe operation of the nation's current fleet of commercial power reactors.

Charles Miller will become Director of another new program office, provisionally to be called the Office of National Materials Program, that is expected to become operational in October. This new office will combine the Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP) with elements of the current Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) that deal primarily with materials licensing, rulemaking and decommissioning. Miller is currently Director of the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, part of NMSS that will transition to the new program office.

Jack R. Strosnider Jr. will continue as Director of NMSS with its new focus on the nuclear fuel cycle, from uranium processing through fuel manufacturing and reprocessing, transportation, and spent fuel storage and disposal.

Biographical information on the four office directors is attached.

Deputy directors and the remainder of the senior management for each office will be identified in the coming weeks.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON NEW OFFICE DIRECTORS

R. William Borchardt joined the NRC in 1983 as a Reactor Engineer in Region I. He has spent nearly his entire career in reactor regulation, including as a Resident Inspector at three nuclear plants, Director of the Inspection Branch Program, Associate Director for Inspection and Programs, and Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. He has also served as Director of the Office of Enforcement, and since April 2006 has been Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. Mr. Borchardt holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the U.S. Naval Academy and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power Program.

Jim Dyer was appointed Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in 2003. He served previously as Regional Administrator for Region III from 1999-2003, and Deputy Regional Administrator in Region IV from 1997. He joined the NRC in 1983 as an Inspector in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement. Before joining the agency, Mr. Dyer worked as an engineering consultant and served as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy from 1973 to 1977. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of California (Davis), a Masters in Business Administration from Frostburg State University in Maryland, and an Associate Degree in Accounting from Montgomery College.

Charles L. Miller has served since 2003 as Director of the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. Since joining the NRC in 1980, Mr. Miller has held progressively important positions in reactor regulation, emergency preparedness and incident response, and materials regulation. He earned a Bachelors degree in Engineering from Widener University and Masters and Doctoral degrees in Chemical Engineering from the University of Maryland.

Jack R. Strosnider Jr. was appointed Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards in 2004. Since joining the agency in 1976, Mr. Strosnider has held a variety of positions in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, and the NRC's Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa. He holds a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree in Engineering Mechanics from the University of Missouri at Rolla and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.