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NRC Makes Senior Management Selections

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced senior management selections filling several key positions.

Catherine Haney, the NRC Region II Administrator in Atlanta, has been selected as Assistant for Operations in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations, and will replace Robert J. Lewis. In addition to her AO responsibilities, Haney will be the lead for strategic initiatives that will benefit from her unique and extensive regulatory experience. Lewis will become Deputy Director in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Haney joined the NRC in 1981 as a health physicist intern in the former Office of Inspection and Enforcement and has held key agency positions, including the following: Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, and NMSS Director. She earned a bachelor's degree in radiological technology from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in radiological science from Emory University. Haney will soon begin transitioning to her new role based at the agency's Rockville, Md., headquarters.

Laura A. Dudes, currently NRC Region II Deputy Administrator, will become the region's Administrator, and will replace Haney. Dudes joined the NRC in 1994 as a reactor engineer intern and has held various important positions, including senior resident inspector at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station and Director, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs, Office of New Reactors. Dudes received both a bachelor's and master's degree in mechanical engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. She will transition to her new position in the next month.

Vonna L. Ordaz, has been selected as the Director, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, concurrent with the retirement of Pamela R. Baker, currently SBCR Office Director.

Ordaz joined the NRC in 1991 as an engineer in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and has since held a number of key positions, including Region IV resident inspector, and notable leadership roles in safety and security functions. She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Maryland.

“As those on our senior leadership team retire or pursue other endeavors, it is essential that we fill these principal positions with highly talented, broadly skilled, and energetic leaders with a willing commitment to help transform our agency,” said Executive Director for Operations Margaret M. Doane. “It is with great pride that I announce these selections.”

Other leadership changes:

Scott W. Moore, currently NMSS Deputy Director, has been selected as Acting Deputy Director in the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. Mark D. Lombard, currently Deputy Director in the Office of Administration, will become Deputy Director in the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. He replaces John W. Lubinski, formerly NSIR Deputy Director, and currently NMSS Director. The selection of Lombard's replacement is pending.

Brian J. McDermott, currently NRR Deputy Director for Engineering, has been selected NRR Deputy Office Director for Reactor Safety Programs and Mission Support, and will replace Michele G. Evans, who will retire this summer. Mirela Gavrilas, currently NRR Director, Division of Safety Systems, will become NRR Deputy Office Director for Engineering.