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NRC NAMES NEW SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR FOR THE PROPOSED YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has assigned Leonard Willoughby as senior resident inspector for the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nev.

Willoughby will report to the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas which is responsible for implementing the NRC's inspection program for the project. He joins Jack Parrott, the NRC's senior onsite licensing representative in the Las Vegas office.

"Willoughby's extensive technical and regulatory experience will help enable the NRC protect public health and the environment through rigorous oversight if the Energy Department submits a license application for a high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain," said NRC Region IV Administrator Elmo E. Collins.

Willoughby graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering science in 1978. Following graduation, he worked for the U.S. Navy at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for 19 years. Willoughby joined the NRC in 1999 as a reactor engineer. Since 2001, he has served as resident inspector at the Fort Calhoun Station nuclear power plant in Nebraska.

As the senior resident inspector assigned to Yucca Mountain, he will lead the agency's on-site inspection related activities during the license application review for the proposed high-level waste repository. He can be reached at (702) 794-5048.

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