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NRC Names New Director of Office of Congressional Affairs

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Allison Macfarlane has named a long-time legislative professional with military experience, Eugene Dacus, as director of the Office of Congressional Affairs. He assumed the position Oct. 14.

Before his new appointment, Dacus served seven years as senior congressional affairs officer at the NRC after holding a variety of management positions in the Department of Defense and private industry.

“We are happy to have Gene step into this position,” said Macfarlane. “His understanding of the NRC and knowledge of Capitol Hill, coupled with his extensive management experience throughout his career, will continue to serve the NRC well.”

Dacus, who served with distinction during 26 years of active and reserve duty in the Air Force and retired as a colonel, served as Congressional Liaison for the Comptroller of the Secretary of Defense. He spent much of his career managing finances and budgeting for different divisions of the military. He commanded two squadrons and held key financial management assignments at major command and Air Force staff levels. Dacus also held senior staff positions at two joint commands, United States Special Operations Command and United States Forces Japan (USFJ). As Comptroller, USFJ, he assisted the State Department with drafting and negotiating burden-sharing agreements with the government of Japan exceeding \$2 billion annually.

Dacus received a bachelor’s degree in economics, with a minor in marketing, from Alabama State University. He holds a master’s degree in public administration from George Washington University and a master’s in national security strategy from the National War College.