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David A. Castelveter Appointed NRC Director of Public Affairs



Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Stephen G. Burns has appointed veteran Washington communicator David A. Castelveter as director of the agency's Office of Public Affairs.

"David Castelveter's experience in both the government and the private sector – and with high-stakes issues – makes him extraordinarily qualified for this senior position at the NRC," Burns said.

The director of public affairs reports directly to the Chairman, who by statute is the agency's spokesman. The director serves as the agency's primary communicator with the public and news media, representing the Chairman and advising senior agency officials and technical staff through the office's public affairs professionals at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Md., and the agency's four regional offices. The Office of Public Affairs also handles the NRC's social media and crisis communication efforts.

Castelveter succeeds Eliot B. Brenner, who retired in July after 12 years at the NRC, capping a long career in journalism and government.

Before joining the NRC, Castelveter was deputy assistant administrator of the Office of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs at the U.S. Transportation Security Administration. He joined that agency in 2012 as director of external communications and assumed the deputy assistant post in 2014, serving as acting assistant administrator for more than a year.

Castelveter's career in the private sector included stints as vice president for communications at the Air Transport Association of America, now known as Airlines for America, and as managing director of corporate communications for US Airways Group. He is a Vietnam veteran who served in the Navy. He later served as a journalist in the Army reserves. Castelveter has a bachelor's degree in industrial communications and business management from Robert Morris University and did graduate studies in journalism and communications at Point Park University. He is a past president of the Aero Club of Washington.