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MITRE CORPORATION OFFICIAL TO SUCCEED BECKJORD
AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AT NRC

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the appointment of David L. Morrison of MITRE Corporation to be Director of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES).

Dr. Morrison will succeed Eric S. Beckjord, who will retire at the end of April after a distinguished career at the NRC. In his new position, Dr. Morrison will direct the agency's program for nuclear regulatory research, development and issuance of technical regulations and standards, and resolution of safety issues for nuclear power plants and other facilities regulated by the NRC.

Dr. Morrison has worked in research and research management for more than 35 years. He has been involved in nuclear energy throughout his entire career and was named a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society in 1992 for his contributions to the nuclear field. He has been a member of the Federal Advisory Committee to the NRC on Nuclear Safety Research and served as its chairman from 1990 to 1994. He was a consultant to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards of the NRC's predecessor (the Atomic Energy Commission) from 1969 to 1972 and a member of the Industry Advisory Committee on Emergency Core Cooling Systems of the AEC in 1967.

At MITRE Corporation, Dr. Morrison has been Technical Director of the Energy, Resources and Environmental Systems Division in McLean, Virginia, since 1990. He began his career in research in 1954 as a research chemist for Callery Chemical Company in Callery, Pennsylvania. He joined Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio, in 1961 as a senior research chemist in nuclear reactor fuel development. In 1964 he was asked to establish the nuclear power reactor safety program at Battelle and subsequently advanced through successive levels of management to the position of Associate Director of Battelle's Columbus Laboratories.

In 1977 Dr. Morrison joined the IIT Research Institute in Chicago as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

and was named President and Chief Operating Officer in 1978. He joined MITRE in 1990 as Technical Director of the Energy, Resources and Environmental Systems Division.

A native of Butler, Pennsylvania, Dr. Morrison received a B.A. degree in mathematics from Grove City College, Pennsylvania, in 1954; an M.S. degree in chemistry from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, in 1960; and a Ph.D. degree in nuclear chemistry from Carnegie in 1961. He resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Beckjord joined the NRC in his present position as Director of RES in 1986. He had been a visiting professor of nuclear engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Previously he was Deputy Director for Science and Technology at Argonne National Laboratory and also held positions with the Department of Energy, the Energy Research and Development Administration, the Federal Energy Administration, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, and General Electric Company.

Mr. Beckjord received an A.B. cum laude degree in physics from Harvard College in 1951, an M.S. degree in electrical engineering from MIT in 1956, and an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1984. He is a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society and a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He served as a destroyer gunnery officer in the Navy from 1951 to 1954.

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