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NRC NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Chairman Ivan Selin has announced that William Beecher, a Washington correspondent for more than 30 years, has been selected as the new Director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Public Affairs. He will succeed Joseph J. Fouchard, who plans to retire in early January after serving almost 15 years as Director of Public Affairs.

Mr. Beecher has worked for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Boston Globe. He has won several writing awards, including a Pulitzer for his work as part of a news team at The Globe that won the prize for national reporting in 1983.

His last newspaper assignment was with the Minneapolis Star Tribune as its Bureau Chief in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Beecher also has been employed in public affairs for the Federal Government, serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Principal Deputy and Acting Assistant Secretary from 1973-75.

He has served as president of the State Department Correspondents Association, the Overseas Writers Club and the Aviation/Space Writers Association.

Mr. Beecher received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Harvard University in 1955 and a master of science degree in journalism from Columbia University in 1956.

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