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MARTIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION  
OF OPERATIONAL DATA; ROSS APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY RESEARCH POST

Thomas T. Martin, currently Director of the NRC's Division of Reactor Program Management, will become the Director of the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data (AEOD).

Mr. Martin will succeed Dr. Denwood F. Ross, Jr., acting head of AEOD, who has been named Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. Both appointments are effective August 17.

Mr. Martin has directed the Division of Reactor Program Management in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) since August 4, 1996. Earlier, he had served as NRC Region I administrator in King of Prussia, Pa., since 1990. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech, where he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Martin served seven years in the Navy and worked in the electric utility industry for four years before joining the Atomic Energy Commission (NRC's predecessor agency) in 1974 as a reactor inspector in Region I. Later, he directed the region's Division of Engineering and Technical Programs, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, and Division of Reactor Safety. He was deputy regional administrator for a year before being appointed as administrator.

Dr. Ross was appointed Acting Director of AEOD in March. Before that appointment he had served as Deputy Director. Before joining AEOD, Dr. Ross served as Deputy Director for Research in the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research from 1981 to 1990. He has been with the AEC and NRC since January 1967 and has held many positions of increasingly greater responsibility. He spent 14 years in NRR and has participated in many international projects.

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