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NRC MAKES NEW MANAGEMENT ASSIGNMENTS TO EXPAND ITS FOCUS ON SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PREPAREDNESS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has made a number of new management assignments to better focus the agency on safety, security, and preparedness, and to position it for future change while continuing to protect public health and safety. The changes are intended to bring fresh perspectives on key issues and cross-fertilization of management ideas as the agency moves forward.

In an announcement to all NRC employees today, Chairman Nils J. Diaz said, "During the last 2 ½ years, the NRC has faced multiple challenges in every area of its responsibilities. The agency has turned most of these challenges into opportunities to do what is right. However, it is clear that the NRC is no longer a safety agency, but a safety, security, and preparedness agency. To address these challenges and opportunities, and to move succession planning into one of our priority areas, a series of senior management assignments are going to be effected. These changes are being done with the approval of, or in consultation with, the Commission."

The new assignments are:

Executive Director for Operations, William D. Travers, will become Region II Administrator.

Region II Administrator, Luis A. Reyes, will become Executive Director for Operations.

Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs, Samuel J. Collins, will replace Region I Administrator Hubert J. Miller upon his retirement in June.

Chief Information Officer, Ellis W. Merschoff, will become Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs.

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Jacqueline E. Silber, will become Chief Information Officer, pending approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research, and State Programs, Carl J. Paperiello, will become Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Ashok C. Thadani, will become Director for International Research and Development Projects.

Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Martin J. Virgilio, will become Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research and State Programs.

Deputy Director of the Office of Regulatory Research, Jack R. Strosnider, will become Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Associate Director in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, John W. Craig, will become the Deputy Director of the Office of Regulatory Research.

These changes will become effective in phases, but as soon as practical.

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