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Victor M. McCree Selected as NRC's Next Executive Director for Operations

Victor M. McCree, the Regional Administrator in the NRC's Atlanta-based office, has been selected by the Commission as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's next Executive Director for Operations. This is the highest-ranking career position in the agency and one responsible for overseeing the agency's regulatory programs.

He succeeds Mark A. Satorius, who will retire Dec. 30 after serving with the agency since 1989. McCree is expected to assume his new responsibilities Sept. 27, 2015.

"Victor McCree is the right choice to help the agency as it addresses the challenges of a changing regulatory environment and the need to more effectively apply limited resources while still ensuring the health and safety of the public," said NRC Chairman Stephen Burns. "His leadership experience in heading the NRC's largest regional office (Region II) will be a tremendous asset."

McCree joined the NRC in 1988 as an inspector in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and held progressively more responsible jobs in that office and later in the office of then-NRC Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson.

"The agency is in the midst of change, and I am looking forward to helping ensure that our central mission of protecting people and the environment is maintained during this transformation," said McCree. "Over the years, I have had the privilege of working closely with our excellent staff in both headquarters and the regions, and I am looking forward to building on those relationships as we move forward."

Assigned to Region II in Atlanta in 1989, McCree served as the deputy director and director for both the divisions of Reactor Safety and Reactor Projects. He became the deputy regional administrator for operations in 2006, and was appointed to lead the region in 2010. The Region II office has a staff of more than 300 and is responsible for regulating 32 reactors in seven southeastern states as well as all fuel cycle facilities in the country. The region also oversees implementation of the construction inspection program at all new nuclear power plants and fuel facilities nationwide.

McCree, a native of Jackson, Miss., graduated from the Naval Academy in 1981 and holds an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University. Before joining the NRC he was a nuclear qualified submarine officer in the Navy. He received the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award in 2007.