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NRC Names Kimberly A. Howell Director of Office of Investigations

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the selection of Kimberly Howell as director of the Office of Investigations (OI). The OI is responsible for developing policy, procedures, and quality control standards, and investigating licensees, applicants, and their contractors or vendors. She replaces Cheryl McCrary, who retired.

“Kimberly Howell brings more than 20 years of federal law enforcement experience to NRC’s investigations program and law enforcement liaison activities,” said Victor McCree, Executive Director for Operations. “We are pleased she is joining us.”

Howell comes to the NRC from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Office of the Inspector General, where she served in the Senior Executive Service (SES) as deputy assistant inspector general for investigations since 2011. Before her SES appointment, Howell held increasingly responsible federal law enforcement positions with OPM, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Secret Service. She began her federal law enforcement career with the Secret Service in 1993.

Howell holds a bachelor’s degree in administration of justice from Howard University and a graduate certificate in inspector general leadership from American University.