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NRC Names New Region III Administrator



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the appointment of K. Steven West as the agency's Region III Administrator, effective Dec. 31, 2017. He succeeds Cynthia D. Pederson, who, after a long and distinguished career, retired on Dec. 30, 2017. The regional office is located in Lisle, Ill.

NRC Region III provides nuclear regulatory oversight in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin, including 23 operating reactors at 15 sites, six decommissioning reactors at five sites, and four research and test reactors.

"Cindy is a highly effective leader and a consummate professional whose contributions to the NRC's mission will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her retirement," said Victor McCree, the NRC Executive Director for Operations. "Steve brings many years of professional experience and great enthusiasm to the position. He is a talented engineer with a demonstrated commitment to public service and an ideal choice for the regional administrator position."

West, who previously was the acting director for the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, joined the NRC in 1985 as a fire protection engineer. In 2005, after serving in a number of positions in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service, and he subsequently held senior positions in Region III and Region IV, and in other headquarters offices.

West holds a bachelor's degree in fire protection engineering from the University of Maryland. He has received both the NRC Meritorious Service Award for Engineering Excellence and the NRC Distinguished Service Award.