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NRC Names Andrea Veil Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation



Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Christopher T. Hanson today announced the selection of [Andrea Veil](#) as Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. Veil has been serving as the acting Office Director since January 2021.

In her role, Veil has overall responsibility for the regulation of the nation's nuclear power reactors and the NRC nuclear reactor safety mission. Her responsibilities include licensing, oversight, rulemaking, and incident response for operating commercial nuclear power reactors, new commercial nuclear power reactors, advanced reactor technologies, and non-power production and utilization facilities.

“Andrea is a remarkably talented leader who has earned this important position directing our agency's regulatory program. She has established an impressive record of respect and accomplishment during her career with the NRC,” said Hanson. “I am fully confident in her skills as a leader, an innovator and a champion who will ensure that nuclear power plants continue to operate safely and new technologies are safely regulated.”

Veil is the first African American and first woman to be appointed as Director of NRR.

Veil joined the NRC in 1992 as an intern and has held a wide range of key management and leadership positions, including Deputy Office Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research; and NRR Deputy Office Director for Engineering. She also served as Acting Assistant for Operations to the Executive Director for Operations and as Executive Director for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. In addition, Veil completed a Congressional Fellowship on Capitol Hill.

She was honored at the 2016 Women of Color STEM Conference with the Career Achievement in Government Award sponsored by the Career Communications Group, Inc.

Before joining the NRC, Veil worked for Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Mich., and Detroit Edison, Engineering Division, in Warren, Mich. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in materials science and engineering from Northwestern University. She is also a graduate of the NRC SES Candidate Development Program.