

OCA for Short: A Quick Intro to NRC's Office of Congressional Affairs

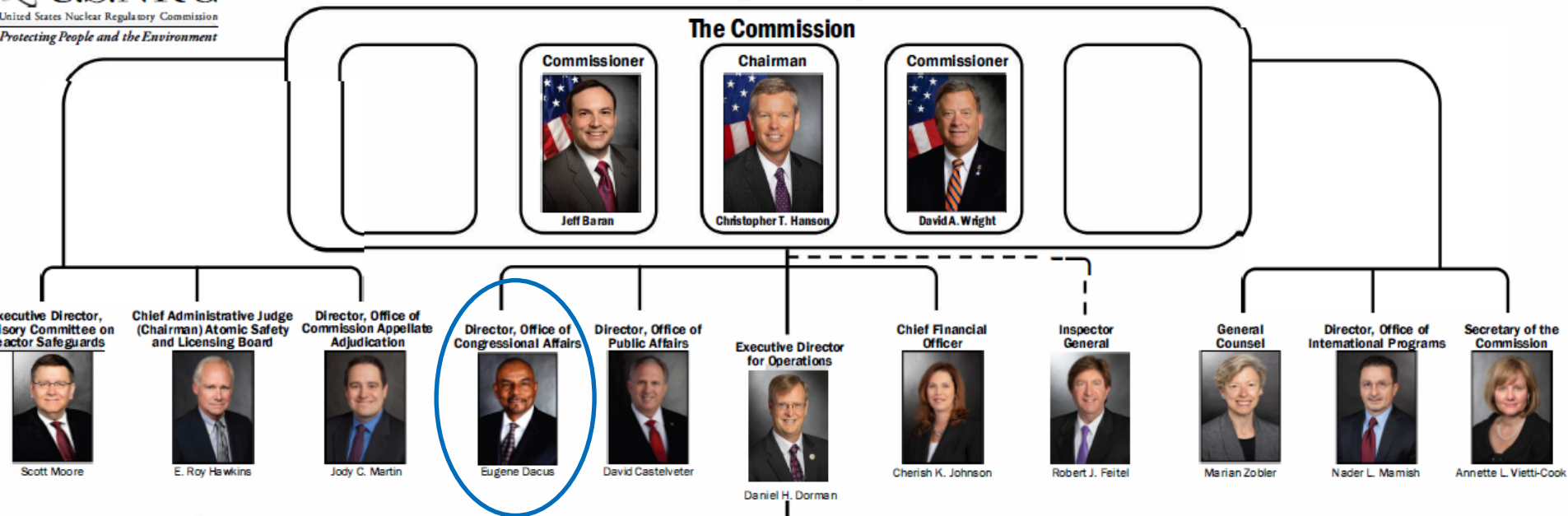
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OCA's Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide to the Chairman and members of the Commission and all NRC employees with timely and reliable information as it pertains to legislative matters affecting the NRC in the United States Congress and to advise and ensure proper protocol with regards to visits by members of the Commission and others to the Congress other agencies. It is also the goal of OCA to ensure correct and timely information is distributed to other Federal agencies and external organizations.

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended

Sec. 303. Information and Assistance to Congressional Committees

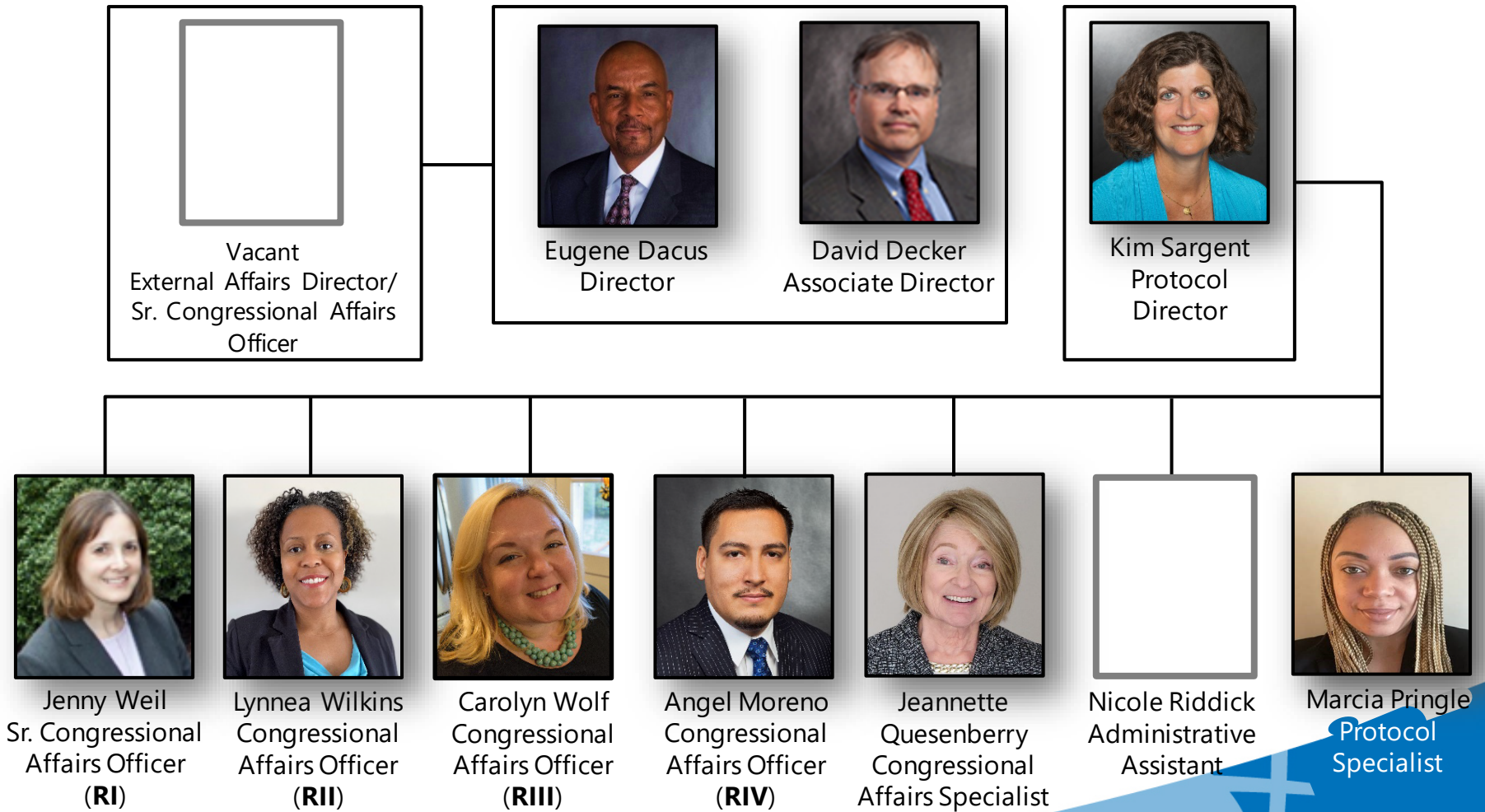
a. The Secretary of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall keep the committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives which, under the rules of the Senate and the House, have jurisdiction over the functions of the Secretary or the Commission, fully and currently informed with respect to the activities of the Secretary and the Commission.

Energy Reorganization Act of 1974

Sec. 201. Establishment and Transfers.

The Chairman (or Acting Chairman in the absence of the Chairman) shall be the official spokesman of the Commission in its relations with the Congress.

OCA Organization



Meet the Congressional Affairs Officers



Region I

- Decommissioning and decontamination
- Nuclear Materials
- Agreement state issues
- Nuclear medicine
- Waste
- Fuel cycle facilities



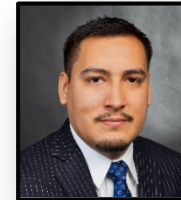
Region II

- Cyber and physical security
- Emergency preparedness
- International relation issues



Region III

- Advanced reactors and technologies
- New light water and small modular reactors
- Agency contracts
- Educational grant programs
- Environmental reviews



Region IV

- Operating reactor licensing and inspection programs
- Research & test reactors
- Consolidated interim storage facilities

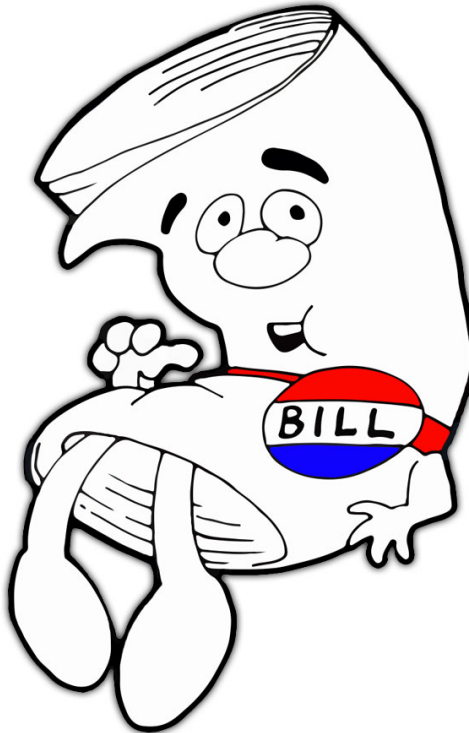
What does OCA do?

Monitors

Coordinates

Communicates Represents

Congressional Trivia Time!



Question:

How many members in the U.S. House of Representatives are elected every two years?

435 Voting Members of the House



Question:

Who was the first woman to serve in the
U.S. House of Representatives?

Representative Jeannette Rankin (R-MT)



Question:

How many Congressional committees have oversight of the NRC?



NRC's Congressional Oversight Committees



Senate Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate and Nuclear Safety



Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development



House Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Energy
Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change



House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Supports Nomination Process

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a confirmation hearing on the nominations of Commissioner David Wright and Mr. Christopher Hanson on March 11, 2020



Coordinates Congressional Hearings

Chairman Christopher Hanson
testifies before the Senate
Environment & Public Works
Committee on December 1, 2021



Chairman Hanson greets
Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)
after the committee hearing
on December 1, 2021

Arranges Briefings



Chairman Christopher Hanson meets with Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA) to discuss spent fuel (February 19, 2021)



A briefing on Capitol Hill for Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) on reactors shutting down due to severe weather in Texas (February 25, 2021)

Arranges Facility Tours



Commissioner Christopher Hanson and staff for Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) on a tour of Calvert Cliffs on October 20, 2020

NRC Protocol Office

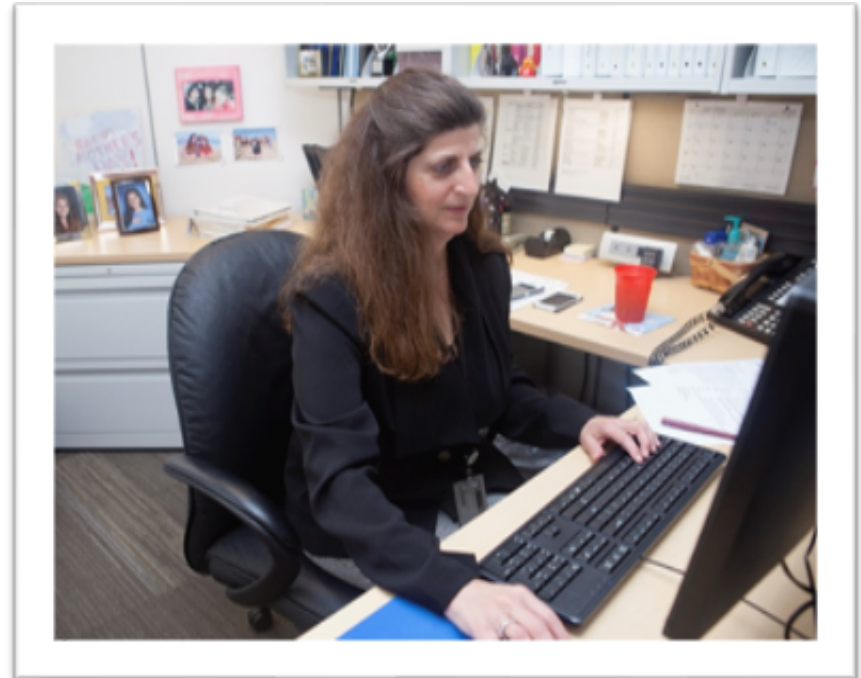
Liaison for official visits

Arranges Commission participation in agency events

Organizes Commission swearing in and farewell ceremonies

Federal and External Affairs Program

Arranges interactions with other Federal agencies and external stakeholders



Kim Sargent, Director of Protocol, arranges a meeting between the NRC Commission and a distinguished visitor.

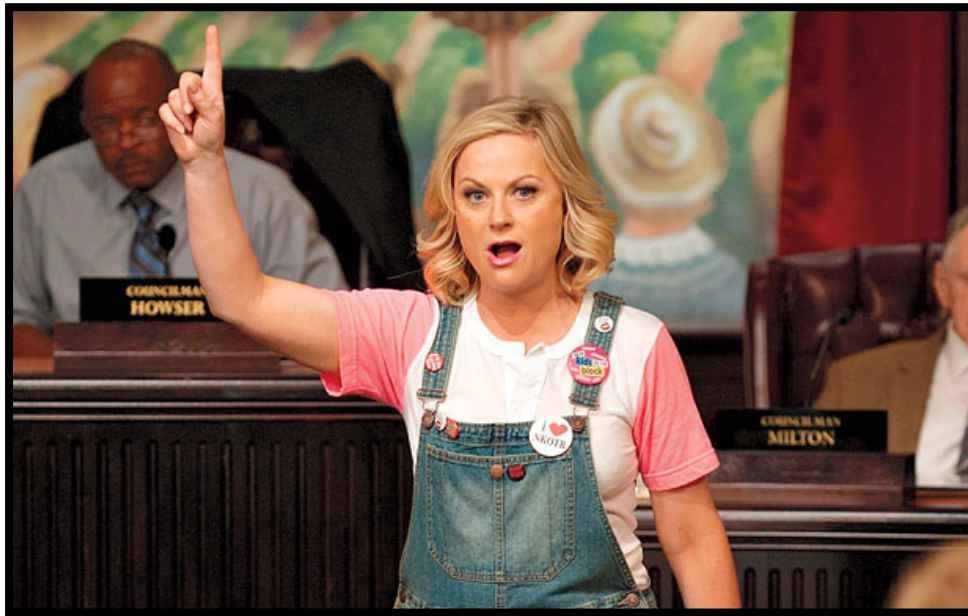
Hosts Events



Office of Protocol worked with OCA to coordinate Senator Ben Cardin's (D-MD) visit to the NRC on September 23, 2019



Ok enough filibustering from me . . .



Ask me your questions!

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