## Melanie Rickard

Melanie Rickard is the Director of the Advanced Reactor Assessment Division at the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. With over 20 years at the CNSC she has had a variety of experience in numerous facets of nuclear regulation, including the development and implementation of Regulations, assessing compliance at nuclear facilities and influencing the CNSC's planning for Response to Nuclear Emergencies.

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