

David Skeen

Mr. Skeen joined the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in 1991 as a reactor systems engineer in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, after working 15 years in the electrical construction industry, including nuclear and fossil power plants. He has served in progressively more responsible positions at the NRC during his career, including as reactor policy advisor to Commissioner Jeffrey Merrifield, and as Chief of Staff for Chairman Dale Klein. He joined the Senior Executive Service in 2008 and served as the Deputy Director of the Division of Engineering, and later as Director of the Japan Lessons-Learned Division following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami that resulted in the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident, where he coordinated NRC technical support to Japan's regulatory body and worked to develop and implement safety enhancements to protect U.S. nuclear power plants from extreme natural phenomena. Mr. Skeen holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from West Virginia University.

In July 2014, Mr. Skeen was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Office of International Programs (OIP). OIP advises the Chairman, Commissioners, and NRC staff on a wide range of international issues, and recommends policies concerning nuclear exports and imports, international safeguards, physical security, nonproliferation matters, and international cooperation in nuclear safety and radiation protection. OIP also manages international nuclear safety information exchange programs and coordinates international research agreements between the NRC and foreign counterparts. In his capacity as Deputy Director, Mr. Skeen is also responsible for issuing licenses to U.S. entities for the export and import of radioactive materials and nuclear components. Mr. Skeen maintains working relationships with individual countries and international nuclear organizations, as well as other U.S. Government agencies in order to assure that all international activities carried out by the Commission and staff are well coordinated and are consistent with NRC and U.S. policies.

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