

Elmo E. Collins

In October, 2006, Elmo E. Collins assumed to position of Director of the Division of Inspection and Region Support in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in Rockville, Maryland. He has responsibility for the agency's inspection, operating reactor oversight, operator licensing, and operating experience programs.

Mr. Collins, who is originally from Oklahoma, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD in 1976. He served for 6 years as a nuclear trained submarine officer aboard the fleet ballistics missile submarine USS Thomas A. Edison (SSBN 610), and served in the Naval Recruiting Command. Mr. Collins completed his qualification to serve as engineering officer on nuclear powered submarines in May 1980. Mr. Collins worked in the commercial nuclear industry as a startup engineer with General Electric from 1983 to 1987, with assignments at Perry and Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plants.

Mr. Collins joined the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania in 1987 as resident inspector at Oyster Creek, where he later became the Senior Resident Inspector. In 1991, Mr. Collins transferred to the agency's Region IV Office in Arlington, Texas as a Senior Project Engineer. In Region IV, he subsequently held positions as Inspection Team Leader, Senior Reactor Analyst, Reactor Projects Branch Chief, Nuclear Materials Inspection Branch Chief, Deputy Director for the Division of Reactor Projects, and the Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety. In July 2004, Mr. Collins was assigned the position of Deputy Director, Division of High Level Waste Repository Safety, in the NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety with specific responsibility for the licensing and inspection of Yucca Mountain. He held this position until his current assignment.

Mr. Collins resides in Gaithersburg, Maryland, with his wife Karen. He has one daughter and one son (Dorothy and Chris).