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Mr. Francis M. Akstulewicz is the Deputy Director, Division of Safety Systems and Risk Assessment, Office of New Reactors. The Division of Safety Systems and Risk Assessment performs systems-related safety evaluations of applications for new facilities or designs and reviews design-basis and severe accident issues as they relate to advanced plant designs and combined licenses. His Division also reviews the use of probabilistic risk assessments (PRA) and associated analyses in regulatory decision making for new reactors and provides risk assessment support in areas of plant security and utility actions to reduce potential plant vulnerabilities.

Mr. Akstulewicz joined the NRC in 1976 and has held a number of progressively more responsible positions in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, including Reactor Systems Engineer; Project Manager; Technical Assistant to the Office Director; Chief, License Renewal Project Management Section; Chief, Generic Issues and Regulatory Improvement Section; Chief, PWR Systems Section; Chief BWR Systems and Nuclear Performance Section in the Reactor Systems Branch; and Chief, Nuclear Performance and Code Review Branch. In December 2006, Mr. Akstulewicz was appointed as the Technical Assistant for Reactors to Commissioner Merrifield.

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