

## **RICHARD J. CONTE**

Mr. Conte is the Chief, Engineering Branch No. 1 in the Division of Reactor Safety, Region I.

Mr. Conte joined NRC in 1976 as a Reactor Inspector in Region I. From 1976 to 1979, Mr. Conte was a Region I based inspector performing inspections in various areas of operations, quality assurance, and facility procedure adequacy and implementation. In response to the TMI-2 Accident in March 1979 and until 1989, he held varying positions of responsibility including a systems engineer for the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation's TMI Program Office, Senior Resident Inspector for TMI-2 during the Post Accident Stabilization and Assessment Phase (1980-1981), Senior Resident Inspector, TMI-1 (1981-1989) which included time for four months as TMI-1 Restart Manager during the first TMI-1 restart since the TMI-2 Accident. From 1989 to Present, Mr. Conte has held various Management Positions in Region I including Chief, Boiling Water Reactor Section (1989-1995), Chief, Reactor Projects Section (1995-1998), Chief Operation Branch (1998-2006). For about six month in 2006, Mr. Conte was assigned the Division of Resource Management, at times acting a Deputy Division Director, leading their effort to assess regional performance in the area of budget formulation, review and execution. He certified as a Boiling Water Reactor Examiner and qualified as an operations inspector for both Boiling Water and Pressurized Reactors.

Prior to his appointment to NRC in 1976, Mr. Conte served for six years in the U.S. Navy Nuclear Submarine Program most of which was as a Commissioned Officer. From 1969 to 1970, he was also awarded a graduate research and teaching assistant position in Physics Department at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Physics from LaSalle College, Philadelphia, Pa. and a Masters in Energy Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.