

Robert Carlson

Robert Carlson has served as the Chief of the Financial, Policy, and Rulemaking Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) since November 2006. His branch is responsible for operating reactor rulemaking activities and financial reviews. Mr. Carlson joined the NRC in 1991 as a Project Manager in the Division of High-Level Waste, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), where he managed a technical and legal staff group responsible for the review and licensing of the nation's high-level waste repository. Since then he has held a variety of positions of progressive responsibility at the NRC, including: Project Manager in the Uranium Recovery program, Division of Waste Management, NMSS, responsible for licensing and decommissioning commercial uranium mining facilities and sites; Senior Policy Analyst, Division of Financial Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), where he served as the agency's senior advisor for all fee policy issues related to the materials and reactor programs; and Chief of the License Fee Branch, OCFO, whose staff was responsible for all NRC license fee activities and rulemakings. Prior to joining the NRC, Mr. Carlson spent 9-years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as a military officer and as a Project Engineer with several defense contractor firms.

Mr. Carlson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY, a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri, Rolla, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA. Mr. Carlson is also a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves where he currently serves as the Commander of the Contingency Response Unit, USACE, responsible for global contingency engineering missions.