

Elmo Collins

Elmo E. Collins was assigned as the Regional Administrator for the Region IV Office of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in September 2007. NRC Region IV is one of four, large regional offices. NRC Region IV is responsible for overseeing the inspection of 14 nuclear power plants in 22 States, overseeing the inspection and licensing of medical, academic, and industrial users of radioactive materials in Western United States, overseeing the Agreement States in implementing the NRCs materials inspection and licensing programs in 16 of those 22 States, and overseeing the licensing of operators of the controls of nuclear power reactors. Mr. Collins, originally from Oklahoma, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD in 1976.

Mr. Collins has broad and extensive experience in the nuclear industry. He served for 6 years in the U. S. Navy as a nuclear trained submarine officer, serving on the USS Thomas A. Edison (SSBN 610). Mr. Collins completed his qualification to serve as engineering officer on nuclear powered submarines in May 1980. After leaving the Navy, Mr. Collins worked in the commercial nuclear industry as a startup engineer with General Electric from 1983 to 1987, receiving certification as a Senior Reactor Operator.

Mr. Collins joined NRC Region I in 1987 as a resident inspector at Oyster Creek, where he later became the Senior Resident Inspector. In 1991, Mr. Collins transferred to NRC Region IV as a Senior Project Engineer. In Region IV, he subsequently held positions as Inspection Team Leader, Senior Reactor Analyst, Reactor Projects Branch Chief, and Nuclear Materials Branch Chief. Mr. Collins was appointed to Senior Executive Service in May 2000 as the Deputy Director for the Division of Reactor Projects. In February 2003, Mr. Collins was assigned the position of Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety in Region IV. In July 2004, Mr. Collins was re-assigned to NRC Headquarters Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) in Rockville, Md. as the Deputy Division Director for the licensing and inspection of the high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain. In October 2006, Mr. Collins was assigned to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) as the Director, Division of Inspection and Region Support.

During his career, Mr. Collins has been involved in inspection and oversight of nuclear power plants, licensing and oversight of users of radioactive materials, and licensing of the high-level radioactive waste repository. In NRR, Mr. Collins was responsible for the operating reactor inspection and assessment, operator licensing, and operating experience programs. Mr. Collins has participated with the International Atomic Energy Agency Teams evaluating the performance of nuclear regulatory programs and assessment of nuclear plant operational safety performance in other countries.