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NRC Names Scott Morris New Region IV Administrator



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the appointment of Scott A. Morris as the agency's Region IV Administrator, effective Dec. 31, 2018, following the retirement of Kriss Kennedy. The regional office is located in Arlington, Texas.

"Scott is an extremely talented individual whose broad range of experience has guided the NRC during many critical safety and security assignments over more than 25 years of service. He is an enthusiastic leader with a demonstrated commitment to public service," said Margaret M. Doane, NRC Executive Director for Operations. "I congratulate him on this important appointment."

NRC's Region IV office is responsible for the inspection and safety assessment of 18 nuclear reactors at 12 sites. Region IV covers 22 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, overseeing the inspection and licensing of medical, academic and industrial users of radioactive materials. Seventeen of those states are Agreement states, which implement the NRC's materials inspection and licensing programs.

Morris joined the NRC in 1993, where he has served in a number of progressively more responsible positions, including senior resident inspector at two power reactor facilities in Region I; senior technical assistant in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations; and reactor security branch chief, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

Since joining the Senior Executive Service in 2007, Morris has served in several senior management positions, including deputy director for Reactor Security, Division of Security Policy; deputy director for Incident Response; and deputy director, Division of Preparedness and Response. In May 2014, he was selected as the director, Division of Inspection and Regional Support, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. In June 2016, he was appointed to his most recent position as deputy regional administrator, Region IV.

Prior to joining the NRC, Morris served seven years on active duty as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy nuclear submarine program. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Pennsylvania State University and is a graduate of the NRC's SES Candidate Development Program.