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NRC Names New Deputy Executive Director for Operations; Region III Administrator

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced Darrell Roberts as Deputy Executive Director for Operations, in the areas of materials, waste and corporate support, and John (Jack) Giessner as Region III Administrator.

Roberts joined the NRC in 1989 and currently serves as the Region III Administrator, a position he has held since December 2018. He has held several key management positions at the NRC, including reactor engineer in the Division of Reactor Projects, Region II; resident inspector at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Station in North Carolina; and senior resident inspector at the Catawba Nuclear Station in South Carolina.

A graduate of Virginia Tech University, Roberts earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Technical Management from Johns Hopkins University. He is a graduate of the NRC Leadership Potential Program and completed the NRC Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. He also has received the NRC Meritorious Service Award.

Giessner joined the NRC in 2004 and currently serves as the Deputy Administrator for Region III, a position he has held since December 2018. He also has served in other key agency positions, including reactor engineer in Region III; resident and senior resident inspector at the Palisades Nuclear Plant; and in senior management of several regional divisions. Prior to joining the NRC, Giessner worked for two commercial utilities in engineering and operations.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, serving on active duty for 13 years, Giessner was an engineer officer with the U.S. submarine force and a Joint Staff Officer for the U.S. Strategic Command, Nuclear Force Strategy and Operations.

Giessner received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Arts degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval War College. He is a graduate of the NRC Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program.

“These are two outstanding individuals who have distinguished themselves through accomplishment and experience throughout their careers. They are highly effective leaders and trained technical experts,” said NRC Executive Director for Operations Margaret M. Doane. “It is with great pleasure that I announce these selections to our senior leadership team.”

Roberts will replace Steven West, who will retire at the end of March.