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NRC Names Anna Bradford as New NRR Office Director

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ROCKVILLE, Md. — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced the appointment of Anna Bradford as head of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, effective in May 2026. Bradford is currently serving as the director of the Division of Nuclear Installation Safety at the International Atomic Energy Agency.

“Anna is a superb candidate to lead the team that oversees the safety of our nuclear reactor operating fleet,” Chairman Ho Nieh said. “We are eager to have someone of her experience both here and abroad back at the NRC.”

As part of the agency’s reorganization, NRR will continue to manage functions such as operating reactor license renewals and amendments, as well as the licensing program for non-power reactors. NRR will also expand to include most of the functions currently performed by the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. Bradford will report to the Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs. Jeremy Groom will continue to serve as acting director of NRR until Bradford assumes this role. Groom will also serve as acting director of the new Office of the Chief Nuclear Reactor Inspector, which will be created as part of the recently announced NRC reorganization.

Bradford joined the NRC in 2000 as an environmental engineer working on decommissioning projects and held a variety of positions before joining the IAEA in 2021. Her NRC roles have included branch chief of the Advanced Reactor and Policy Branch in NRO and deputy division director of the Division of Licensing, Siting and Environmental Analysis in NRO. Immediately before joining the IAEA, she served as director of the Division of New and Renewed Licenses in NRR.

Before joining the NRC, Bradford worked at an engineering consulting firm supporting nuclear-related projects for the U.S. Department of Energy. She holds a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech and a master’s degree in environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was created as an expert, technical agency to protect public health, safety, and security, and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials, including enabling the deployment of nuclear power for the benefit of society. Among other responsibilities, the agency issues licenses, conducts inspections, initiates and enforces regulations, and plans for incident response. The NRC is collaborating with interagency partners to implement reforms outlined in new Executive Orders and the ADVANCE Act to streamline agency activities and enhance efficiency.