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NRC Names Jody C. Martin as New Secretary of the Commission



ROCKVILLE, Md. — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced that Jody C. Martin has been selected as Secretary of the Commission, effective July 2026. He will succeed Carrie Safford, who leaves the agency this summer after 18 years at the NRC.

The Office of the Secretary is responsible for providing executive management services that support the Commission and help implement its decisions. The Secretary leads the office that maintains the Commission's adjudicatory and rulemaking dockets, oversees the historical records collection, and administers the NRC historical program.

“The Commission is demonstrating it can move quickly without sacrificing rigor or collegiality,” Chairman Ho K. Nieh said. “Jody’s leadership and expertise will help us continue on this trajectory to enable and accelerate the safe and secure use of nuclear technology.”

Martin serves as the Deputy Director of the Office of International Programs. Previously, he was the Associate Director for Operations in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations. From 2020 to 2024, he served as the Director of the Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication.

Martin joined the NRC in 2006 as part of the Honor Law Graduate Program in the Office of the General Counsel. While in OGC, Martin served in various roles across different divisions, including Deputy Assistant General Counsel and Acting Assistant General Counsel for New Reactor Programs. Mr. Martin also served as Legal Counsel for Commissioner Baran and as Acting Deputy Budget Director in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Martin is a graduate of the NRC's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. He is also a graduate of the University of Delaware and The George Washington University School of Law.

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.