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NRC ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF ENFORCEMENT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the appointment of Michael R. Johnson as director of the agency's Office of Enforcement, effective May 30, 2005. In this position, he will be responsible for managing the development and implementation of programs that enforce NRC requirements. He will also oversee the agency's external allegations review process and internal Differing Professional Opinions Program.

Johnson joined the NRC in 1986 as a reactor operations engineer. Later, he served as regional coordinator in the Office of the Executive Director. Since 1989, he has served in a number of increasingly responsible posts within the agency's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, including leadership positions in the Inspection Program and Assessment Section, Performance Assessment Section, Inspection Program Branch and the Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch. Most recently, he held the title of deputy director of the Division of Systems Safety and Analysis.

Johnson is a graduate of the NRC's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program. He received a bachelor of science degree in Ocean Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy. He resides in Silver Spring, Md.

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