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NRC NAMES WILLIAM F. KANE DEPUTY FOR REACTOR PROGRAMS; ANNOUNCES RELATED MANAGEMENT CHANGES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named William F. Kane as Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs and announced a number of related senior management changes.

Mr. Kane has most recently been Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), where he also served as Director of the Spent Fuel Project Office from 1997 to 1999. Prior to his appointment as Director of NMSS, Mr. Kane was the Associate Director for Inspection and Programs in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). He has also served as the Deputy Regional Administrator in the agency's Region I office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kane joined the NRC's predecessor, the Atomic Energy Commission, in 1973 and is a 1961 graduate of Widener University, where he earned a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He replaces Frank J. Miraglia, who retired from the NRC effective today. In a career spanning more than 30 years, first with the AEC and then with the NRC, Mr. Miraglia held many key managerial positions. He was appointed to his current position in December 1998. From 1990 to 1998, Mr. Miraglia was the Deputy Director, NRR. Prior to that he had served in a number of management positions in NRR.

Other senior management appointments are:

Mr. Martin J. Virgilio has been appointed Director of NMSS. Mr. Virgilio currently serves as the Deputy Director of NMSS, a position he has occupied since December 1998. Prior to joining NMSS, he was the Executive Assistant and Director of the Office of the Chairman under Chairman Shirley Jackson. Mr. Virgilio has also been a Deputy Division Director in NRR and has served in a variety of other positions in NRR since joining the NRC in 1977. Mr. Virgilio earned his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1971.

Ms. Margaret V. Federline will replace Mr. Virgilio as Deputy Director of NMSS. Ms. Federline is currently Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), a position she has held since July 1998. Before joining RES, Ms. Federline was Deputy Director of the Division of Waste Management, Chief of the Hydrology and System Performance Branch, and Chief of the Performance Assessment and Hydrology Branch in NMSS. She also served as a Technical Assistant and Senior Policy Advisor on Chairman Kenneth Carr's staff. She joined the NRC in 1981.

Ms. Federline received a B.A. degree in Biology and Physical Science from West Virginia University in 1968.

Mr. Roy P. Zimmerman will replace Ms. Federline as Deputy Director of RES. Mr. Zimmerman is currently the Deputy Director of NRR, a position he has held since December 1998. Before becoming Deputy Director of NRR, Mr. Zimmerman was NRR's Associate Director for Projects, after serving as a Reactor Inspector, Resident Inspector, Senior Resident Inspector, Branch Chief and Division Director in the agency's Region I office and former Region V office in California, and as a Deputy Division Director in NRR. Mr. Zimmerman joined the NRC in 1978. He received a B.S. degree in Marine (Mechanical) Engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1976.

Mr. Jon R. Johnson will replace Mr. Zimmerman as Deputy Director of NRR. Mr. Johnson is currently the Associate Director for Inspection and Programs in NRR. From 1998 until his appointment in NRR, Mr. Johnson was Deputy Regional Administrator of the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta, and Director of the Division of Reactor Projects there as well. He has also served as Deputy Division Director for Reactor Safety and Reactor Projects in the Region. Mr. Johnson joined the NRC in 1978. He received a B.S. degree in Physics from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1970 and an M.E. degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Virginia in 1971.

Mr. R. William Borchardt will replace Mr. Johnson as the Associate Director for Inspection and Programs in NRR. Mr. Borchardt has been Director of the Office of Enforcement (OE) since August 1999 and was Deputy Director of that office for the preceding year. Before joining OE, Mr. Borchardt was Director of the Standardization Project Directorate and Chief of the Inspection Program Branch in NRR. He joined the NRC in 1983 as a Reactor Engineer in Region I. Mr. Borchardt received a B.S. degree in Chemistry from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978.

Dr. Frank J. Congel will replace Mr. Borchardt as Director of OE. Dr. Congel has been Director of Incident Response Operations since 1999. In 1994, he was appointed as Director of the Incident Response Division in the former Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data. Prior to that he held a number of positions in NRR, including Division Director and Branch Chief. Dr. Congel joined the AEC/NRC in 1972. He received a B.S. degree in Physics from LeMoyne College in 1964 and an M.S. degree and Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from Clarkson College of Technology in 1967 and 1968, respectively.

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