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ELMO COLLINS NAMED ADMINISTRATOR OF NRC'S REGION IV OFFICE



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named Elmo E. Collins, Jr., as the new Administrator of its Region IV office in Arlington, Texas.

As Regional Administrator, Collins will oversee a staff of 202 employees. Region IV is responsible for regulating 14 commercial nuclear power plants in 22 western states as well as users of nuclear materials in seven states and overseeing agreements with 15 other states.

He succeeds Bruce S. Mallett, who has been named Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Md.

Collins, a native Oklahoman, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1976. He served six years as a nuclear-trained submarine officer with assignments on the USS Thomas A. Edison and the Naval Recruiting Command. He worked in the commercial nuclear industry from 1983 to 1987 as a startup engineer for General Electric.

He joined the NRC's Region I office in 1987 as a Resident Inspector at the Oyster Creek nuclear plant, where he later became Senior Resident Inspector. In 1991, he transferred to Region IV where he served in a number of progressively more responsible positions, including Senior Project Engineer; Inspection Team Leader; Senior Reactor Analyst; Branch Chief in the Division of Reactor Projects; and Branch Chief in the Division of Nuclear Materials Safety.

In 2000, Collins was selected for the Senior Executive Service and held positions of Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Projects and Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety.

He transferred to NRC headquarters, in 2004, where he served as Deputy Director, Licensing and Inspection Directorate, Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety. In 2006, he was appointed Director, Division of Inspection and Regional Support, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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