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NRC Names New Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction in Atlanta Regional Office

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named Laura Dudes the Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction in the agency's Region II office in Atlanta. That position has responsibility for NRC inspection and oversight activities at new NRC-licensed construction sites across the country.



Dudes joined the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1994 as a reactor engineer intern. In 1996, she qualified as a reactor inspector in the Division of Reactor Safety in the NRC's Region I office, located in King of Prussia, Pa., and served as a regional inspector performing metallurgical and engineering inspections. She also served as the resident inspector at Indian Point nuclear plant in New York, and the senior resident inspector at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in New Jersey.

After returning to the NRC headquarters office in Rockville, Md., in 2002, she served in several positions in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, including technical assistant in the Division of Inspection Program Management, NRR Enforcement Coordinator and Chief of New Reactor Licensing. In 2006, she was selected for the Senior Executive Service program and served as the Deputy Director, Division of Engineering in the Office of New Reactors, as the Director, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs in the Office of New Reactors, and most recently as the Director, Division of Materials Safety, State, Tribal and Rulemaking Programs in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Dudes received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey.

Laura Dudes replaces Frederick Brown, who had served as the Region II Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction since 2012 and was recently named as a Senior Advisor in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations at the NRC's headquarters office.