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NRC Names Tracy Higgs Director, Office of Investigations



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named Tracy Higgs as Director of the Office of Investigations, effective Nov. 7, 2021. Higgs replaces Edward (Andy) Shuttleworth, who retired in January. Higgs has since been serving as the office's acting director.

Higgs joined the NRC in 2017 as an operations officer in the Office of Investigations, also serving as Deputy Director and Assistant to the Office Director.

“Tracy is a strong, skillful and confident leader with an extraordinary passion for her work. She has an impressive history in investigations and will continue to positively complement and influence the important work of our agency,” said NRC Executive Director for Operations Daniel H. Dorman. “Tracy is a valued member of our leadership team and I am delighted that she has been selected for this important position.”

Prior to joining the NRC, Higgs served in senior leadership roles with the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service, including assignments with the NCIS Office of the Inspector General, Economic Crimes, and National Security Directorate senior representative to both headquarters Marine Corps, and Department of the Navy Naval Reactors Senior Flag and Executive leadership.

Higgs received a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from St. Thomas University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Florida International University. She also received a Doctor of Business Administration degree with a specialization in Homeland Security Leadership and Policy from Northcentral University.

The Office of Investigations develops policy, procedures and standards for conducting all NRC investigations of alleged wrongdoing by licensees and other entities. The office conducts and supervises investigations within the scope of NRC authority except those of NRC employees and contractors. The office also maintains liaison with other agencies and organizations to ensure the timely exchange of information and makes appropriate referrals to the Department of Justice for prosecution of criminal violations.