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NRC APPOINTS SIX PEOPLE TO SENIOR HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has appointed six people to senior management positions throughout the agency, including:

Samuel J. Collins as Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs;

James E. Dyer as Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), succeeding Collins;

R. William Borchardt as Deputy Director of NRR;

John W. Craig as Associate Director for Inspections and Programs in NRR, succeeding Borchardt;

James L. Caldwell as Regional Administrator for the agency's Region III office, succeeding Dyer, and;

Geoffrey E. Grant as Deputy Regional Administrator for Region III, succeeding Caldwell.

The appointments will become effective over the next several weeks.

The Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs is responsible for effectively implementing regulation and reactor-related activities of regional offices and the Headquarters offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Enforcement, and Investigations, as well as coordinating reactor-related items with the offices of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and Nuclear Regulatory Research. NRR is responsible for ensuring public health and safety through licensing and inspection activities at all commercial nuclear reactor facilities in the United States. The NRC's Region III office in Lisle, Illinois, deals with nuclear power plants and other NRC licensees in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Collins succeeds William F. Kane, who was recently named Deputy Executive Director for Homeland Protection and Preparedness. Collins joined the NRC in 1980 as a Resident

Inspector in Region I, and was selected as a Senior Resident Inspector in 1982. He then served in a variety of management positions of increasing responsibility in both Region I and Region IV.

He became Region IV's Deputy Regional Administrator in 1995 before assuming his current position in 1997. Collins received a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering from the Maine Maritime Academy.

Dyer joined the NRC in 1983 as an Inspector in the former Office of Inspection and Enforcement. He later held positions in NRR and the Office of the Executive Director for Operations (OEDO) at Headquarters before becoming Deputy Director of Region IV's Division of Reactor Projects in 1994. He was Director of that division from mid-1995 to early 1997, then served as Deputy Regional Administrator in Region IV until 1999 when he assumed his current position. Dyer received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of California at Davis, and an MBA from Frostburg State University in Maryland.

Borchardt joined the NRC in 1983 as a Reactor Engineer in Region I, later serving as a Resident and Senior Resident Inspector. Starting in 1988, he held several Headquarters positions in both NRR and OEDO. In 1993 he became a Project Director in the Standardization Project Directorate, and in 1995 he became Chief of the Inspection Program Branch. Borchardt became Deputy Director of the Office of Enforcement in 1998, and served as the office's Director from 1999 until assuming his current position in 2001. He received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Craig joined the NRC in 1979, holding several positions in the former Office of Inspection and Enforcement. He was named as Chief of NRR's Plant Systems Branch in 1987 and later served as a Project Director. He held several senior management positions in the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research from 1993 to 2000, when he was appointed as Assistant for Operations in OEDO. Since April, he has served as Chief of Staff in Chairman Nils Diaz's office. Craig received a bachelor's degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Maryland.

Caldwell joined the NRC in 1983 as a Resident Inspector in Region II, and later served as a Senior Resident Inspector. In 1990 he transferred to Headquarters where he served in OEDO and NRR. In 1994, he transferred to Region III and served in several Deputy Director and Director positions until assuming his current position in 1997. Caldwell received a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering (Nuclear Engineering option) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Grant joined the NRC in 1986 as a Resident Inspector in Region I, and later served as a Senior Resident Inspector. In 1989 he transferred to Headquarters and served in several NRR positions until his transfer to Region III in 1993 as Director of the Division of Reactor Safety. He has been Region III's Director of the Division of Reactor Projects since 1997. Grant received a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy.