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## <u>NOTE TO EDITORS:</u> NEW PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IN NRC HEADQUARTERS

Holly Harrington has joined the staff in the Office of Public Affairs at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's headquarters in Rockville, Md. She comes to the NRC with 20 years experience in federal communications and the media.

Harrington served as a public affairs officer for eight years in the Federal Emergency Management Agency where she was part of FEMA's emergency support team for federal disasters and developed an award-winning website for children.

Prior to her employment at FEMA, Harrington served as public affairs director, chief communications officer, and public affairs specialist while in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Earlier in her career, she was a reporter for the Argus Newspaper in Fremont, Ca.

In addition to her federal employment, Harrington continues to serve as an adjunct communications professor at Trinity College in Washington, D.C., where she teaches speechwriting, journalism, public speaking, public relations, and mass media courses.

Harrington holds a bachelor of arts degree in journalism, with a minor in English, and a masters degree in mass communications from San Jose State University.

Her primary responsibilities are for public affairs activities involved in NRC's safeguards, security, and emergency preparedness and response programs. She can be reached at 301/415-8200.

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