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NRC'S WILLIAM TRAVERS TO BECOME ADVISOR AT THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY



William D. Travers, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regional Administrator for Region II in Atlanta, has been selected to serve at the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) headquarters in Vienna. He will provide valuable regulatory expertise to assist in the IAEA's nuclear safety and security mission.

Travers will be the Senior Technical Advisor to the IAEA's Deputy Director General, Tomihiro Taniguchi, in the areas of safety and security policy as well as a variety of technical issues. In particular, he will advise on the planning and implementation of the Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) program, provide guidance to countries starting or expanding nuclear power programs, and work to advance a strong safety/security interface in IAEA activities. This position is part of the IAEA's cost-free expert program, which enables highly qualified personnel to serve in temporary appointments for the mutual benefit of the IAEA and its member states.

From 1998-2004, Travers served as the NRC's Executive Director for Operations. During this time, he also served as the agency's representative member on the IAEA's Commission on Safety Standards.

Travers joined the NRC in 1976 as a radiological physicist and has held positions of increasing responsibility in a variety of offices, including Chief of the Emergency Preparedness Branch, Deputy Associate Director for Advanced Reactors and License Renewal, and Director of the Special Projects Office in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; Director of the Spent Fuel Project Office in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; and Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Effectiveness in Office of the Executive Director for Operations.

Travers received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1972. He completed his graduate studies in Radiation Health Physics and Nuclear Engineering as an Atomic Energy Commission and David Ross Fellow, and received his doctorate from Purdue in 1976. In 2005, he was awarded the rank of Distinguished Executive by President George W. Bush.

Travers will begin his assignment in Vienna starting in November. At that time, Victor McCree, currently Region II's Deputy Regional Administrator for Operations, will serve as Acting Regional Administrator.

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