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NRC ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF CATHERINE HANEY AS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY & SAFEGUARDS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has announced the appointment of Catherine Haney as director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS).

When she assumes her new position on May 10, she will become the first woman to head one of the NRC's large technical offices.

Since 2008, Haney has served as deputy director of NMSS, which oversees the NRC's regulation of fuel cycle facilities (uranium conversion/deconversion, enrichment, fuel fabrication and recycling), as well as spent fuel storage and transportation and high-level radioactive waste disposal.

"I congratulate Cathy Haney on her appointment to this very important post," said NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko. "Throughout her exemplary career, she has made an important contribution to the agency's mission of protecting public health, safety and the environment in the regulation of nuclear materials."

Haney first joined the NRC staff in 1981 as a health physicist intern in the former Office of Inspection and Enforcement. After a break in federal service, she rejoined the agency in 1989 and served in a number of positions in NMSS. She joined the Senior Executive Service in 2001 and served in a number of senior management positions in the offices of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, and NMSS.

Haney earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Radiological Technology from the University of Maryland and a Master of Science degree in Radiological Science from Emory University.

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