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NRC Announces Senior Leadership Changes

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced senior leadership changes in its Rockville, Md., headquarters Office of the Executive Director for Operations and in the Region III office, Lisle, Ill., effective Dec. 23, 2018.

Daniel H. Dorman will become the deputy executive director for reactor and preparedness programs following the retirement of Michael R. Johnson. K. Steven West will become the deputy executive director for materials, waste, research, state, tribal, compliance, administration, and human capital. Darrell J. Roberts will become the regional administrator, Region III, replacing West.

“I want to thank Mike Johnson for his many years of dedicated service to NRC and the nation,” said Margaret M. Doane, executive director for operations. “We are very fortunate to have strong talented individuals like Dan and Steve to assume their roles as deputy executive directors.”

Dorman joined the NRC in 1991 as a project engineer in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, where he served as the licensing project manager for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant and the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. He also served as chief of the Quality Assurance and Safety Assessment Section, Division of Inspection Program Management in the NRR.

Since joining the Senior Executive Service in 2001, Dorman has served in a number of NRC senior management positions of increasing responsibility in the offices of NRR, Nuclear Security and Incident Response, and Nuclear Materials and Safety and Safeguards, and as NRC Region I regional administrator.

Dorman has been serving as acting deputy executive director for materials, waste, research, state, tribal, compliance, administration, and human capital since April 2018.

Prior to joining the NRC, Dorman served as a U.S. Navy submarine officer in the nuclear power program. He received a bachelor’s degree in naval architecture and marine engineering from the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture and graduated from the NRC SES Candidate Development Program. He received the NRC Meritorious Service Award in 1998 and the Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award in 2008.

West began his career with the NRC in 1985 as an entry-level fire protection engineer in NRR. He has served in positions of increasing scope and responsibility across many NRC programs. He also has served in SES positions in Region III, Region IV, the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, the Office of Research and NSIR.

In 2017, following a detail as the acting director of NSIR, West was selected as the Region III administrator.

West holds a Bachelor of Science degree in fire protection engineering from the University of Maryland. He has received both the NRC Meritorious Service Award for Engineering Excellence and the NRC Distinguished Service Award in 2001.

Roberts joined the NRC in 1989 as a reactor engineer intern in NRR. After graduating from the intern program, he transferred to Region II where he served as a project engineer, resident inspector, and senior resident inspector. In 2002, he returned to NRR, where he served in positions of increasing responsibility, including technical chief, section chief and branch chief. In 2008, he was selected for the SES position of deputy director, division of reactor safety, Region I, and later as director. In 2011, Roberts was appointed to the position of director, division of reactor projects, Region I. In 2014, he was selected for his current position of deputy regional administrator, Region III, and recently completed a detail as acting deputy director, NSIR.

Roberts received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in technical management from Johns Hopkins University. He is a graduate of NRC's SES CDP.

John (Jack) B. Giessner will replace Roberts as Region III deputy regional administrator.