

It is my pleasure to announce that F. John Etzel has been selected for the Hydroelectric Design Center's Product Coordination Branch Chief. John brings diverse experience and talents to the position that will enable our continued emphasis on managing HDC's hydropower engineering products and services.

He is currently serving as Acting Deputy Director, HDC, and previously served in that position from October 2004 to October 2005. John's permanent position since March 2002 was in Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division for Portland District, performing as the Project Manager for a number of projects including the District's Critical Infrastructure Security Program (CISP), Mount St. Helens Sediment Control, the Depoe Bay Seawall/Landslide stabilization, and the US Moorings clean-up effort, to name a few.

Many of you may know John from his number of years as a Technical Lead in Structures Section of Portland District's Engineering and Construction Division. John worked on many hydro related projects including the coordination with HDC engineers to modify the Bonneville Second Powerhouse to provide operating water for the new fish bypass facilities and the coordination of the First Powerhouse surface collection prototype system involving HDC engineers to evaluate turbine trash rack blockage.

From February 2000 to August 2001, John served as the Technical Resources Branch Chief in Engineering and Construction Division.

John worked for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from March 1993 to January 1995 insuring accordance of Federal regulations to non-federal hydropower owners including Idaho Power, owner/operator of dams in Hells Canyon and on the Snake River. John was responsible to review all proposed new, remodeled, and rehabilitated hydropower related features to his assigned projects.

John is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Oregon and a proud graduate of Oregon State University.

Congratulations to John!

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