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## Anson Franklin Named Director of NNSA Congressional, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs

Administrator John Gordon has named C. Anson Franklin as head of the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Office of Congressional, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs.

In this position, Franklin will be responsible for the NNSA's communications and interactions with external audiences and stakeholders, including members of Congress, state, tribal and local governments and the news media.

"We are fortunate to have Anson join our NNSA senior management team," said Administrator Gordon. "I am confident that under his leadership, NNSA will have stronger and more effective dialogue with people in Washington as well as the communities near our national security facilities, resulting in a greater understanding of our national security mission and commitment to the communities in which we operate."

Immediately prior to joining NNSA, Franklin was a partner in the Washington-based public affairs firm, Franklin and Burling, which provides government relations, strategic planning and media relations services to private sector clients.

He also has extensive experience in managing government public affairs efforts, including serving as an Assistant Administrator for External Affairs at the Agency for International Development (AID) from 1989-90. He was also an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional, Intergovernmental and Congressional Affairs from 1985-1989 and an Assistant Press Secretary to President Reagan from 1982-85.

Franklin, a native of Richmond, Va., is a graduate of the University of Virginia. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and two sons.

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