

Christopher A. Kouts
Acting Principal Deputy Director, OCRWM

For the past 22 years, Mr. Kouts has served in various management, technical and public policy related positions in the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). In those positions he has been responsible for managing OCRWM's activities for transportation of nuclear waste, commercial spent nuclear fuel interim storage and has supported the OCRWM Director's Office in interactions with Congress on policy matters. He has also been responsible for managing overall program policy-related activities, including the development of program strategic and contingency plans. More recently, before being named Acting Principal Deputy Director, he was Director of the OCRWM Waste Management Office and was responsible for the development of the Transportation, Aging, and Disposal (TAD) canister system, systems analysis for the overall OCRWM program as well as all activities related to the management of the Standard Contract with nuclear utilities.

During his 29 years at the DOE, Mr. Kouts has also served in offices responsible for conservation and renewable energy technology development, federal mineral leasing policy development, and National Environmental Policy Act compliance. Prior to joining the DOE, he served three years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has also served as a design engineer for the Atlantic Research Corporation.

Education

- Master's degree in engineering mechanics, George Washington University
- Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, George Washington University

Activities and Achievements

- Member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honorary Fraternity
- Registered professional engineer
- Member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
- Recipient of numerous awards for excellence in federal service