

Christopher A. Kouts

Christopher Kouts is the Principal Deputy Director for DOE's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. Kouts is responsible for assisting the OCRWM Director in carrying out the requirements of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and for providing overall management of the OCRWM program.

Prior to being named Principal Deputy Director, Kouts served in a variety of management, technical and public policy related positions at OCRWM. He was responsible for managing activities related to transportation of nuclear waste and issues associated with the temporary storage of commercial spent nuclear fuel. He has supported the OCRWM Director's Office in interactions with Congress on policy matters, and was responsible for managing overall policy-related activities, including the development of strategic and contingency plans for the program.

Before being named Principal Deputy Director, Kouts was Director of the OCRWM Waste Management Office and was responsible for the development of the transportation, aging, and disposal canister system that would be used to transport nuclear waste to the Yucca Mountain repository. He also was responsible for the development of a systems analysis for the overall OCRWM program as well as all activities related to the management of the Standard Contract with nuclear utilities.

At the Department of Energy, Kouts has served in offices responsible for conservation and renewable energy technology development, federal mineral leasing policy development, and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Before 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

