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## CYNTHIA G. JONES NAMED AS NRC NUCLEAR SAFETY ATTACHÉ AT U.S. MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named Dr. Cynthia G. Jones to a term as the agency's new Nuclear Safety Attaché at the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, Austria. As attaché, she will serve as the U.S. Mission's expert on nuclear safety issues and programs, and provide programmatic and policy oversight of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) safety program on behalf of the United States.

Jones will transition to the attaché position this summer and will assume the position formally in September. She is replacing Mark Shaffer, who was selected as the NRC's Office of International Programs Deputy Office Director, effective July 1st.

Jones has extensive international experience in both radiation safety and nuclear security, and has published more than 95 publications, reports or speeches in the fields of nuclear science and radiological protection. Jones currently serves as the Senior Level Advisor for Nuclear Security in NRC's Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, responsible for providing technical expertise and policy guidance on nuclear security, safeguards, and radiological protection issues. She also serves as the U.S. National Officer and Advisory Committee member for the IAEA's International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES). In 2011, she was elected as one of 100 scientific experts worldwide to serve as a Council Member to the U.S. National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements.

Prior to her career with NRC, Jones worked for several governmental and university institutions in the areas of nuclear engineering, radiation protection and environmental sciences. Jones has a doctorate and master's degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Maryland, an master's degree in Health Physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a bachelor's degree in Physics from Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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