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DIAZ NAMES JEANNE LOPATTO FEDERAL/INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Nils J. Diaz has appointed Jeanne Lopatto, a veteran of 22 years in federal government, to the newly created position of special assistant for Federal and International Programs.

Ms. Lopatto, whose most recent government service was as Director of Public Affairs for the U.S. Department of Energy, will report directly to Diaz.

“I’m pleased to have someone with Ms. Lopatto’s breadth of experience on my office staff. Her background will enable the NRC to have a more cohesive federal and international liaison effort,” Diaz said in announcing her appointment to his personal staff.

In her position at the Energy Department, Ms. Lopatto served as the spokesperson for then Secretary Spencer Abraham, as well as other department officials, and managed DOE’s media and public relations programs. She was a member of official delegations to a variety of international conferences on topics including oil and gas development, oil supply issues, nuclear power, climate change, nuclear non-proliferation programs and technology development. She organized a number of media events at meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency, international energy forums, the International Energy Agency, meetings of the G-8 energy ministers and U.S.-Russia Commercial Energy Summits.

As Director of Public Affairs at DOE, she worked closely with other government agencies, including the Departments of State, Commerce and Homeland Security, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Security Council.

Prior to that Ms. Lopatto had a long career on Capitol Hill, including her service as the press secretary for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee under Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah. She also worked in media positions on Sen. Hatch’s personal staff as well as the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

She holds a B.A. in American Studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

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