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HEATHER ASTWOOD NAMED AS NRC NUCLEAR SAFETY ATTACHÉ

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named Ms. Heather Astwood 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 safety program on behalf of the United States.

Ms. Astwood will assume the attaché position formally in October. She will replace Mr. James Linville who will be returning to the NRC's Office of International Programs in October.

Ms. Astwood is currently serving as Commissioner Edward McGaffigan's Executive Assistant and Chief of Staff. She joined the NRC in 1991 as an intern in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. She has served as a geochemist, an environmental reviewer, a project manager, and acting supervisor in the areas of nuclear waste management and fuel cycle safety and safeguards. She has also worked in another Commissioner's office and in three of NRC's regional offices.

Ms. Astwood received her bachelor's degree in geology from Clemson University in 1989 and her master's degree in nuclear geochemistry from the University of South Carolina in 1991.

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