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HISPANIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE NAMES NRC REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, LUIS REYES, TO ITS 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL HISPANICS LIST FOR 2008



Hispanic Business magazine has named Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region II Administrator, Luis Reyes, to its 100 Most Influential Hispanics List for 2008. The feature appears in the magazine's October issue.

"I am extremely proud to be among a group of highly accomplished, forward-thinking professionals who have demonstrated vision, hard work, and perseverance," Reyes said.

Established in 1979, Hispanic Business magazine has been publishing its 100 Most Influential Hispanics List of U.S. citizens of Hispanic origin who have made exceptional achievements and contributions within their respective fields since 1983. They are the trail-blazers and headline-makers who set an example for others, according to the magazine. Reyes joins a notable list of politicians, entertainers, CEOs, doctors, lawyers, judges, educators, and fellow scientists.

He was specifically named one of the most influential Hispanics in Government. The magazine emphasizes Reyes' commitment to help define the possibilities created by opening the doors of opportunity to minorities, and contributing greatly to America's prosperity.

Nominations are made by Website visitors, readers, contributing editors, magazine staff and writers. Individuals are selected based on contributions to their communities or professions, and are generally people who are raising the bar in whatever they do.

As NRC Regional Administrator, Reyes is in charge of overseeing all new commercial nuclear power plant construction in the country, as well as inspecting operating plants in Southeast region of the United States. Before that, as the NRC's Executive Director for

Operations and the chief operating officer, Reyes managed the agency's day-to-day operations, overseeing more than 3,700 full-time employees and an annual budget of more than 925 million dollars.

Under Reyes' tenure, the NRC was recognized for its commitment to diversity and in April 2007 achieved the top ranking as the Best Place to Work in the Federal Government by the Partnership for Public Service and the American University Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation.

Reyes received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and Master of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico. He has also completed post-graduate work in fusion energy. Reyes is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute. He has attended the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government and has received the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award in 1991, 1999, and 2003. In 2007 he received the Presidential Distinguished Service Award, the highest award that can be given to a member of the federal Senior Executive Service.

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