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MARK SHAFFER NAMED AS NRC SAFETY ATTACHÉ AT U.S. MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has named Mark Shaffer to a term as the agency's new Nuclear Safety Attaché at the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, Austria. As attaché, he 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.

Shaffer will transition to the attaché position during the summer and will assume the position formally in October. He is replacing Heather Astwood, who will be returning to the NRC's Office of International Programs after a four-year term.

Shaffer has extensive international experience, including a six-month assignment at the IAEA, where he was acting head of the Standards Applications Unit. Shaffer is currently serving as the Director for the Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking in the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs. He joined the NRC in 1991 as a radiation specialist at NRC's Region IV office (Arlington, Tex.) in the Division of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards. While there, Shaffer held various positions including Senior Materials Inspector, State Agreements Officer and Chief of the Nuclear Materials Inspection Branch. For two years beginning in June 2006, he served as the Deputy Director for the Division of Security Policy, within the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

Prior to his career with NRC, Schaffer worked for several medical and academic research institutions in the areas of nuclear medicine and radiation protection.

Shaffer holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear medicine from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas.

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