

BIOGRAPHY

BEVERLY A. COOK
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On February 5th 2002, Beverly Cook was sworn in as Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health. In this position, Ms. Cook is the Secretary of Energy's principal advisor for worker and public health and safety at DOE sites, including the former nuclear weapons production complex, research and testing facilities, and the national laboratories. As the Agency Environmental Executive she oversees the Department's compliance concerning environmental laws and regulations. Assistant Secretary Cook directs the Price-Anderson nuclear safety enforcement program and leads DOE's efforts to implement its responsibilities under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act. Additionally, she is the designated Safety and Health Official responsible for ensuring the safety and health of the Department's federal workforce. After 15 years as a contractor in the DOE complex performing nuclear and materials research and development, Ms. Cook served on the staff to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. She then joined DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy where she served in a variety of positions, including Principal Deputy Director. She was appointed as director of the department's Idaho Operations Office in 1999. A native of Washington, she received her B.A. in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Washington.