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MARGARET M. DOANE NAMED NRC GENERAL COUNSEL



Margaret M. Doane has been named the new General Counsel of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane, after consultation with the Commission. Doane will succeed Stephen G. Burns, who retired March 31 after 34 years of service to the NRC.

Most recently, Doane was Director of the NRC's Office of International Programs. That office supports U.S. interests abroad in the safe and secure use of nuclear materials and in guarding against the spread of nuclear weapons. It also licenses the export and import of nuclear materials and equipment.

Doane began her employment with the NRC in 1991 as a Special Assistant (Legal) in the Office of the Secretary. She subsequently served as an attorney in the Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication from 1991 to 1998. During this time, she was responsible for drafting opinions on novel issues related to the NRC's licensing and regulatory responsibilities. She completed a temporary assignment as an Attorney in the Office of the General Counsel's Enforcement Branch in 1996. From 1998 to 2004, Doane served on the staff of Commissioner Jeffrey Merrifield as Legal Counsel, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Chief of Staff. In 2004, she became Deputy Director of the Office of International Programs.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Doane as the new General Counsel for our agency," NRC Chairman Macfarlane said. "We have important legal matters before us and an outstanding legal staff to address them. Ms. Doane has the legal acumen, executive experience and proven leadership skills that will assure that this talent is fully leveraged in support of NRC's critical regulatory mission."

Prior to joining the NRC, Doane served for three years as an attorney advisor for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Board of Veterans Appeals. Doane received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Loyola College in Baltimore and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Doane received the NRC Honorary Meritorious Service Award in 2005.

The Office of the General Counsel is under the supervision of the General Counsel, who reports to the Commission. It provides legal advice to the Commission and other agency officials on all aspects of the NRC's regulatory and administrative functions and programs.

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