

## **Biography**

### **Mr. Richard H. Wessman**

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Mr. Richard Wessman is responsible for supervising and directing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Division of Incident Response Operations. These responsibilities include incident investigation, emergency response, and interaction with other Federal agencies on emergency preparedness activities. Recent responsibilities include coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, management of interagency exercises, and work on the Homeland Security Advisory System and National Response Plan.

Mr. Wessman was previously the Deputy Director of the Division of Engineering in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation of the U.S. NRC. Mr. Wessman has held management and staff positions with NRC since 1974.

Mr. Wessman received his BA in 1963 and a MS (Nuclear Engineering) in 1970, both from the University of Washington and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia. Mr. Wessman achieved the rank of Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was recently Chairman of the Qualification of Mechanical Equipment (QME) Main Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.