James F. Argue

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In June of 2003 Mr. Argue was assigned as the Nuclear Engineering and Planning Manager, a Senior Executive position. Mr. Argue is the head of the Nuclear Engineering and Planning Department and is the senior civilian shipyard manager with overall responsibility for all aspects of nuclear work in the Shipyard. Mr. Argue reports to the Deputy Commander for Logistics, Maintenance, and Industrial Operations and to the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Directorate.

A native of New Hampshire, Mr. Argue has worked at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard since October 1981. Mr. Argue began his career as an engineer officer in the US Merchant Marine. He also worked as an engineer for Bath Iron Works before beginning employment at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

In September 1983 Mr. Argue completed a rigorous engineering program and qualified as a Nuclear Shift Test Engineer. In March 1985 Mr. Argue was promoted to Nuclear Chief Test Engineer. As a Chief Test Engineer he led a team of highly skilled nuclear engineers. He was responsible for managing of all aspects of overhaul, maintenance, modification, and testing on the nuclear power plant of fast attack submarines.

In July 1991 Mr. Argue was assigned as Head, Nuclear Performance Assessment Division. As a Division Head, he led a team of senior engineers tasked with assessing Shipyard nuclear operations.

In May 1993 Mr. Argue was assigned as Deputy Director of Radiological Controls. In February 1996 Mr. Argue was assigned as Director of Radiological Controls. In this capacity Mr. Argue managed the Radiological Controls Office. This office is tasked with ensuring proper control of radioactivity during nuclear work.

In April 1979 Mr. Argue graduated with honors from Maine Maritime Academy with a bachelor's degree in marine engineering.