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NRC Names New Chief Financial Officer



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today announced the selection of Owen F. Barwell as the agency's new Chief Financial Officer, effective July 14, 2024.

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Barwell has more than 35 years' experience in both federal service and the private sector, including in scientific research, non-profit and professional services. He comes to the NRC from a role as Chief Financial Officer at Independence Hydrogen, Inc., a veteran-owned company developing low-carbon hydrogen recycling projects. Previously, he was CFO for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, a research and development

center operated on behalf of the Department of Energy, where he was responsible for financial, budget and acquisition functions.

"Owen brings significant business acumen and experience leading large and complex financial programs to this important role," said NRC Chair Christopher T. Hanson. "His past experience in the energy sector is particularly important at this dynamic time of change in the nuclear industry. I welcome him to our agency."

Barwell's resume includes stints as Acting CFO and Deputy CFO for DOE, where he was responsible for the department's strategic plan, budget, finance and accounting, corporate business systems and led approximately 500 staff and contractors. Earlier in his career, he served as a senior advisor at NASA, helping to implement a major initiative to improve business systems and processes. He also worked as a principal consultant at PwC Consulting, PricewaterhouseCoopers in both London and Washington, D.C.

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Lancaster (UK).