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NRC SELECTS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS IN HEADQUARTERS AND KING OF PRUSSIA

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected public affairs officers for its headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, and its regional office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

Victor Dricks has been transferred to headquarters to succeed John T. Kopeck, who will be retiring at the end of this month after a distinguished 21-year career at NRC.

Mr. Dricks for the past 18 months has worked at the King of Prussia office, where he assisted the senior public affairs officer with daily communication of regional events and activities. Before joining NRC, he was the science/medical/environmental reporter for the Phoenix Gazette for 14 years.

An honors graduate of New York University with degrees in journalism and philosophy, Mr. Dricks won numerous awards for his investigative, general and financial reporting.

Neil Sheehan has been hired to succeed Mr. Dricks in the Region I office in King of Prussia. He has been an award-winning reporter for 14 years and has extensive experience covering the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in New Jersey. He joins Diane Screnci, the Senior Public Affairs Officer in Region I.

Mr. Sheehan was the top general assignment reporter at the <u>Asbury Park Press</u> in New Jersey, where he has worked for the past four years. Earlier, he was a senior editor at the <u>Times Leader</u> in Wilkes Barre, Pennslyvania, and at the <u>Times-Beacon</u> in Manahawkin, New Jersey.

Mr. Sheehan has won many honors for his newspaper reporting. He graduated from Temple University with a B.A. degree in Journalism, and a minor in urban studies.

Mr. Dricks is currently at headquarters and can be reached at (301) 415-8200. After Mr. Sheehan joins the NRC on October 15, he can be reached at (610) 337-5330.