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Michael A. Mikolanis is a General Engineer with nearly 33 years of engineering and field management experience associated with the design, construction, startup, operation and decommissioning of both government and commercial nuclear facilities.

He was appointed in 2017 as the Assistant Manager for Nuclear Material Stabilization for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office (SR) at the Savannah River Site (SRS) in Aiken, South Carolina. He is responsible for providing overall leadership and direction of activities related to the receipt, storage, stabilization, and disposition of nuclear materials, spent nuclear fuel, by-products, and activities associated with the Savannah River National Laboratory and multiple Savannah River Site analytical laboratories.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Mikolanis held three other DOE leadership positions at SRS: Assistant Manager for Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship, Site Chief Engineer and Waste Disposition Engineering Division Director. Prior to arriving at the Savannah River Site, Mr. Mikolanis was a Departmental Representative Issue Lead in the Office of the Undersecretary of Energy responsible for overseeing engineering and nuclear safety activities at facilities that treat and dispose of legacy transuranic and liquid high-level wastes. In these positions, he provided advice and guidance in matters pertaining to the development, implementation, and interpretation of engineering and nuclear safety policy/standards related to the design, construction, startup, and operation of nuclear and non-nuclear facilities. He was also a primary interface to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board and was frequently called upon to provide leadership and technical expertise on matters that affect facilities and organizations throughout the DOE complex.

His experience also includes a technical leadership position with Bechtel Power Corporation during the design and licensing of a commercial nuclear power facility. Mr. Mikolanis managed the design activities necessary to obtain Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval of major modifications to nuclear safety systems, which earned him recognition as Bechtel's Nuclear Engineer of the Year.

Mr. Mikolanis has held other leadership positions in the U.S. Navy submarine service as a certified Naval Nuclear Engineer Officer managing activities associated with the operation and maintenance of a naval submarine reactor as well as the refueling and overhaul of a prototype nuclear training reactor facility.

Mr. Mikolanis holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He obtained a professional engineering license in the state of Maryland.

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