



Biography

Mr. Eric Papaioannou

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With more than 34 years of experience, Mr. Eric Papaioannou leads INL's Environment, Safety, Health & Quality (ESH&Q) Directorate. He possesses extensive knowledge and experience associated with nuclear facility operations and ESH&Q programs, including criticality safety, safety basis development and implementation, and integrated safety management.

Previously, Papaioannou led INL's Materials and Fuels Complex (MFC) Operations, Maintenance, Infrastructure and Fabrication Division. He was responsible for operational performance in all of MFC's nuclear and radiological facilities. In addition to his roles at MFC, He has served in numerous labwide leadership roles, including over 20 years as an Emergency Response Organization volunteer, Process Architecture for Continuous Excellence governing board member, and ALARA Committee chair. He is also an engaged advocate for inclusion and diversity, a co-executive sponsor of the PRISM Council and a prior Newcomers Council co-president. He served for many years on the Idaho State University Energy Systems Technology Education Center Technical Advisory Board.

He spent nine years in the United States Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program before joining Argonne National Laboratory-West in 1998 as an operator in the Fuel Conditioning Facility. He spent seven years as a criticality safety engineer and then moved to nuclear facility manager, advanced to operations department manager, and eventually to division director. He ensured MFC's facilities were efficiently and effectively operated, maintained and staffed to meet INL's mission in a safe and compliant manner.

He holds a bachelor's degree in physics with an emphasis in health physics from Idaho State University.