

Biographical Information for Janice E. Owens

Janice E. Owens has more than twenty years of experience analyzing a wide range of complex technical and policy issues associated with the international nuclear fuel cycle, nuclear policy and non-proliferation issues. She worked for fourteen years (including as principal consultant) at the consulting firm International Energy Associates Limited (and its successor companies) on numerous sensitive studies, including work to several US government agencies and national laboratories. In the process, she served as project manager of or senior contributor to numerous reports and studies developing a thorough knowledge of roles and relevance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the International Atomic Energy Agency and its safeguards responsibilities and the implementation of the US non-proliferation legislation. In addition, she provided consulting services and reports to several foreign and domestic private sector clients with an emphasis on advanced reactors and development programs and on the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle.

In February 1993, Ms. Owens accepted a position at the Nuclear Waste Program Office of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where she was promoted to head that office. As such she served as the principal liaison between state utility commissioners and the US Department of Energy, and was the focal point for developing and coordinating NARUC positions and activities on nuclear waste and spent fuel related issues. Ms. Owens developed a comprehensive knowledge of all technical and policy issues associated with the US civilian spent fuel management and disposal program. She is well acquainted with the issues involved in at-reactor storage of spent fuel, private sector initiatives to establish centralized interim spent fuel storage facilities as well as the status of the US permanent repository research efforts at the Yucca Mountain, Nevada site.

In December 1998, Ms. Owens joined Edlow International Company as the Vice President of Consulting Services. She is responsible for managing the various consulting and reporting services provided to Edlow's domestic and foreign clients on a variety of international nuclear fuel cycle and nuclear materials transport issues. This involves analyzing foreign and US legislative, regulatory, judicial and market trends and developments affecting current and prospective international transfers of all types of radioactive materials. She is also required to maintain contact with and monitor the activities of US and foreign government regulatory authorities, and interested international organizations such as the IAEA, and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to assess the impact of actions on the ability to sustain safe, timely and cost-effective international radioactive materials transactions. In addition, she closely monitors and analyzes a variety of nuclear policy developments in the US and other countries.