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Northrop Grumman Appoints Bruce Easterson to Director of Aircraft Carrier Reactor Plant Planning Yard

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – June 28, 2007 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has promoted Bruce Easterson to director of the *Nimitz*-class and *Enterprise* aircraft carrier reactor plant planning yard for its Newport News sector. In his new position, Easterson will be responsible for nuclear and propulsion plant engineering and design services in support of these ships. He will also be responsible for the engineering services provided by the Standard Navy Valve Yard. His organization serves as the Navy’s design agent for the reactor plants in these ships, supporting the fleet and shipyards as they operate and maintain them.

Easterson reports to Mike Shawcross, vice president of the CVN 21 program at Northrop Grumman Newport News. “Bruce is a proven leader with a great deal of nuclear propulsion experience in both engineering and the test program,” Shawcross said. “I am confident that his knowledge, leadership skill and understanding of customer needs will enable him to successfully lead this important part of our business, as well as help the leadership of the CVN 21 program as they continue to apply lessons learned from the previous classes to the Navy’s next generation carrier.”

Easterson began working at Newport News in 1985 as a nuclear test engineer and has held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility, including shift test supervisor, shift test engineer, test manager and most recently manager of nuclear overhaul engineering. He earned a bachelor’s degree in marine engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a master’s of business administration from The College of William and Mary.

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