

The Department of Energy is pleased to announce that Melvin G. Williams Jr., a Vice Admiral (retired) who served more than three decades in the U.S. Navy, will serve as the Department's new Associate Deputy Secretary. In this position, Mel will be a key leader for DOE's management and operational excellence. He will report directly to Secretary Chu and Deputy Secretary Poneman, driving improvements in mission execution and assuring that they are efficiently and effectively implemented throughout the Department.

In addition, Mel will serve as the Secretary's office primary point of contact for the offices of Human Capital Management; Chief Information Officer; Economic Impact and Diversity; Management; Health, Safety & Security; and Hearings & Appeals. These organizations provide subject matter expertise so that our mission can be carried out safely and securely. Mel will help ensure these essential functional organizations are effectively interfacing with the mission offices. He is a key leader in achieving management and operational excellence.

Mel retired from the U.S. Navy in October 2010, having served in a variety of senior leadership positions. His ten years of operational command included Commander of U.S. Second Fleet (130 ships and over 90,000 sailors and marines), Commander of Submarine Group Nine (12 submarines and over 4,000 sailors), Commander of Submarine Squadron Four (6 submarines and crews), and Commanding Officer of USS Nebraska - an OHIO class Strategic Ballistic Missile submarine.

A graduate with merit from the U.S. Naval Academy, he also holds a Master of Science degree in Engineering from Catholic University, and attended Harvard's JFK School of Government.

He has various military awards and his civic recognitions include Black Engineer of the Year Award for Professional Achievement, National Society of Black Engineers Award for Lifetime Achievement in Government, and the Thurgood Marshall Award for Service and Leadership.